

Georgia Follows Suit, Introduces Bill Similar to Florida's 'Parental Rights' Legislation

Georgia state senators introduced legislation Tuesday similar to the recently passed bill in Florida banning classroom instruction on “sexual orientation or gender identity” from pre-K through third grade.

The Georgia proposal, S.B. 613, centers on keeping discussions on issues like sexual orientation and gender identity out of instructional materials for primary grades across the state.

“No private or nonpublic school or program to which this chapter applies shall promote, compel, or encourage classroom discussion of sexual orientation or gender identity in primary grade levels or in a manner that is not appropriate for the age and developmental stage of the student,” reads the legislative proposal.

If passed and signed into law, the bill could go into effect as soon as July 1, ahead of the next school year.

The legislation would apply not just to public schools but also private institutions receiving funding through the Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program.

It also takes aim at some elements of critical race theory, though it is not expressly named in the bill. The legislation would compel school officials to give “annual written assurances that the school in no way directs, promotes, encourages, or compels students to personally affirm, adopt, or adhere to any of the following tenets,” including: “That any sex, race, ethnicity, color, or national origin is

inherently superior or inferior.”

Georgia state Sen. Carden Summers (R), who introduced the legislation, told Axios: “You can’t use the woke philosophy while using taxpayer funding.”

President Joe Biden has gotten in on the issue, condemning the misrepresented legislation as “hateful.”

As CBN’s Faithwire previously reported, White House press secretary Jen Psaki lambasted the bill as “horrific” and “a form of bullying,” even claiming the Republican lawmakers passed the legislation just because they are “mean.” {eo}

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