

Midwestern State Could Be Next to Enact Parental Rights in Education Bill

With sexualized curricula becoming more common in schools across the country, Oklahoma state Sen. Nathan Dahm (R) has introduced a bill similar to Florida's recently approved Parental Rights in Education law.

The bill Dahm presented – H.B. 1074 – would prohibit public school educators from teaching lessons about sexual orientation and gender identity from kindergarten through fifth grade, according to KFOR-TV. The proposal would also require any curricula taught in sixth through 12th grade to be catered to the respective ages of the students.

“There is absolutely no reason we should be teaching or talking about sexual orientation or gender identity in elementary school,” the state senator said in a statement. “Kids need to be learning their ABCs and how to read and write – not that a man can be a woman if he feels like it, or vice versa. I applaud the state of Florida for enacting this measure, and call on my colleagues in Oklahoma to follow their lead and do the right thing to protect our children.”

Dahm also presented H.B. 1076, which would bar any person under the age of 18 from undergoing surgeries or treatments to alter their bodies to align with their transgender identity, KOKH-TV reported.

“If we can't trust those under 18 to purchase or use tobacco and alcohol, they aren't mature enough to make a long-term decision like changing their gender,” said the lawmaker. “As gender reassignment surgery has become more and more common over the years, we are now hearing stories of transgender adults who are reversing these procedures because they realize

they made a grave mistake. And unfortunately, their bodies are mutilated because of it. This legislation would protect these vulnerable individuals from making rash decisions without fully thinking them through.”

While these topics might at times feel abstract, that is certainly not the case. The issue of sexuality in the classroom – particularly as it pertains to kids – is very real.

CBN News reported earlier this month that Oklahoma State University hosted a “Drag Queen Story Hour” geared toward children as young as 2 years old. The event was part of the school’s “Pride week.” {eo}

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