

National Summary



Constitutional & Nondiscrimination Protections

- 40 ▲ State Establishment Clause
- 51 ▲ State Free Exercise Clause
- 23 ▲ Strong Taxpayer Standing

NONDISCRIMINATION LAWS

- 49 ▲ Employment
- 51 ▲ Housing
- 47 ▲ Public Accommodations
- 32 ▲ Education
- 27 ▼ Religious Exemptions
- 8 ▼ Religious Tests for Office

Special Privileges for Religion

LIMITATIONS ON CLERGY PRIVILEGE

- 37 ▲ Mandatory Reporting
- 15 ▲ Exception for Child Abuse
- 7 ▲ Secular Celebrants

RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS TO ENFORCEMENT

- 13 ▼ Foster Care & Adoption
- 14 ▼ Public Health Protections
- 4 ▼ Broad Liability Shield

TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP

- 14 ▼ Limited Filing Requirements
- 44 ▼ Parsonage Exemption
- 48 ▼ Property Tax Exemption
- 21 ▼ Sales Tax Exemption
- 26 ▼ State Religious Freedom Restoration Act
- 6 ▼ Anti-Blasphemy Law

KEY

- ▲ This law or policy enhances religious equality
 - ▼ This law or policy harms religious equality
- Number** Indicates total number of states and territories with law or policy in place

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Health Care & Wellness

- 10 ▲ Medical Aid-In-Dying Law
- 2 ▲ Health Care Transparency Law

SANCTUARY LAWS

- 12 ▲ Reproductive Care Confidentiality Protections
- 8 ▲ Trans Care Confidentiality Protections
- 15 ▲ Reproductive Care Provider Protections
- 9 ▲ Trans Care Provider Protections

ACCESS TO ABORTION

- 28 ▲ Constitutional or Statutory Protections
- 27 ▼ Statutory Abortion Ban
- 2 ▼ Private Enforcement Provisions

DENIAL OF CARE LAWS

- 45 ▼ Refusals Related to Abortion
- 20 ▼ Refusals Related to Contraception
- 22 ▼ Refusals Related to Sterilization
- 7 ▼ Religion-Based Health Care Law
- 41 ▼ Child Negligence Exemptions for Faith Healing
- 46 ▼ Nonmedical Exemption to Vaccination

Education & Youth

- 10 ▲ Protection From Child Marriage
- 23 ▲ Protection From Conversion Therapy

SEX EDUCATION

- 6 ▲ Comprehensive Sex Education
- 27 ▼ Abstinence Only Programs

HOMESCHOOLING LAWS

- 12 ▲ Instructor Qualifications
- 13 ▲ Testing & Evaluation
- 2 ▲ Child Abuse Prevention
- 12 ▼ Exemptions

SCHOOL CENSORSHIP LAWS

- 14 ▼ Divisive Topics Restricted
- 10 ▼ LGBTQ Topics Restricted
- 4 ▼ Religious Opt-Outs
- 10 ▼ Undermines Children's Rights

ANTI-TRANS YOUTH LAWS

- 22 ▼ Medical Ban
- 23 ▼ Athlete Ban
- 4 ▼ Anti-Science / Anti-Evolution Law
- 13 ▼ Bible Class Law
- 12 ▼ Religious Displays in Schools
- 32 ▼ School Vouchers & Tax Credits
- 14 ▼ School Prayer Law
- 8 ▼ Compelled Pledge Law
- 28 ▼ Released Time Laws
- 6 ▼ School Credit for Religious Education
- 15 ▼ Campus License to Discriminate Law
- 22 ▼ Religious Daycare Exemption