

Virginia

Basic Separation of Religion and Government



Constitutional & Nondiscrimination Protections

- ▲ State Establishment Clause
- ▲ State Free Exercise Clause
- △ Strong Taxpayer Standing

NONDISCRIMINATION LAWS

- ▲ Employment
- ▲ Housing
- ▲ Public Accommodations
- ▲ Education
- ▼ Religious Exemptions
- ▼ Religious Tests for Office

Special Privileges for Religion

LIMITATIONS ON CLERGY PRIVILEGE

- ▲ Mandatory Reporting
- △ Exception for Child Abuse
- △ Secular Celebrants

RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS TO ENFORCEMENT

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

TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP

- ▼ Limited Filing Requirements
- ▼ Parsonage Exemption
- ▼ Property Tax Exemption
- ▼ Sales Tax Exemption
- ▼ State Religious Freedom Restoration Act
- ▼ Anti-Blasphemy Law

KEY

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Health Care & Wellness

- △ Medical Aid-In-Dying Law
- △ Health Care Transparency Law

SANCTUARY LAWS

- △ Reproductive Care Confidentiality Protections
- △ Trans Care Confidentiality Protections
- △ Reproductive Care Provider Protections
- △ Trans Care Provider Protections

ACCESS TO ABORTION

- ▲ Constitutional or Statutory Protections
- ▽ Statutory Abortion Ban
- ▽ Private Enforcement Provisions

DENIAL OF CARE LAWS

- ▽ Refusals Related to Abortion
- ▽ Refusals Related to Contraception
- ▽ Refusals Related to Sterilization
- ▽ Religion-Based Health Care Law
- ▽ Child Negligence Exemptions for Faith Healing
- ▽ Nonmedical Exemption to Vaccination

Education & Youth

- △ Protection From Child Marriage
- ▲ Protection From Conversion Therapy

SEX EDUCATION

- △ Comprehensive Sex Education
- ▽ Abstinence Only Programs

HOMESCHOOLING LAWS

- ▲ Instructor Qualifications
- ▲ Testing & Evaluation
- △ Child Abuse Prevention
- ▽ Exemptions

SCHOOL CENSORSHIP LAWS

- ▽ Divisive Topics Restricted
- ▽ LGBTQ Topics Restricted
- ▽ Religious Opt-Outs
- ▽ Undermines Children’s Rights

ANTI-TRANS YOUTH LAWS

- ▽ Medical Ban
- ▽ Athlete Ban
- ▽ Anti-Science / Anti-Evolution Law
- ▽ Bible Class Law
- ▽ Religious Displays in Schools
- ▽ School Vouchers & Tax Credits
- ▽ School Prayer Law
- ▽ Compelled Pledge Law
- ▽ Released Time Laws
- ▽ School Credit for Religious Education
- ▽ Campus License to Discriminate Law
- ▽ Religious Daycare Exemption