

Washington

Strong Protections for Religious Equality



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

- ▲ State has this law or policy that enhances religious equality
- △ State does not have this law or policy that enhances religious equality
- ▽ State has this law or policy that harms religious equality
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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