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MT Laws Protecting Youth

- Defining sex (SB 458)
- Stopping secret social transitions (SB 518 and HB 676)
- Protecting against compelled speech (HB 518 and HB 361)
- Prohibiting harmful gender transitions (SB 99)

Montana SB 458

- Define “sex,” “male,” and “female” using biologically accurate terms
- Revises all of Montana law to reflect accurate definitions of “sex”

Montana SB 518

- Written consent from parents before a child uses an inaccurate pronoun
- Can't compel others to use inaccurate pronouns
- Cause of action for violations

Montana HB 676

- Can't withhold info from parents about a child's mental health
- Parental consent before any mental health examination or treatment

Montana HB 361

- Student can't be punished for calling another student by their legal name or by accurate pronouns.

Montana SB 99

- No puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, or surgeries for kids to address gender dysphoria
- No public funding of these procedures

Lawsuit Against SB 99

- Equal Protection – treating transgender youth worse than cisgender youth
- Privacy – limits kids' ability to pursue certain medical treatments

Victories in Other States

- Alabama
- Kentucky
- Tennessee

...on its way to the U.S. Supreme Court

L.W. v. Skrmetti (TN & AL)

- “To permit legislatures on one side of the debate to have their say while silencing legislatures on the other side of the debate under the Constitution does not further these goals.”

L.W. v. Skrmetti (TN & AL)

- “Parental rights do not alter this conclusion because parents do not have a constitutional right to obtain reasonably banned treatments for their children.”
- “This country does not have a custom of permitting parents to obtain banned medical treatments for their children and to override contrary legislative policy judgments in the process.”

L.W. v. Skrmetti (TN & AL)

- “And some of the same European countries that pioneered these treatments now express caution about them and have pulled back on their use. How in this setting can one maintain that long-term studies support their use—and that the Constitution requires it?”

L.W. v. Skrametti (TN & AL)

- “The availability of testosterone, estrogen, and puberty blockers does not turn on invidious sex discrimination but on the age of the individual and the risk-reward assessment of treating this medical condition (as opposed to another) with these procedures.”

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