

# URGENT ACTION ALERT



## **Anti-Bullying Bill Masquerades Advancement of Gay Rights through NC Schools**

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***Call your State Representative now!!!***

***Masquerading as an attempt to end bullying in North Carolina public schools, a bill that will create protected classes for "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" is currently being considered in the North Carolina House.***

Even though North Carolina already has a statewide anti-bullying policy, **Senate Bill 526 – School Violence Prevention Act** directs local school boards to adopt a new policy aimed at preventing bullying motivated by the "sexual orientation" or "gender identity" of the victim, whether it is actual or perceived.

**Listing motivations or characteristics of victims is unnecessary in order to prevent bullying.** Teachers and administrators have authority to prevent bullying and should prevent bullying no matter what the reason or who the victim. Bullying is bullying. **All students deserve to be protected from bullying, not just certain groups of students.**

**Senate Bill 526 would create a new protected class under North Carolina law for homosexuals, cross-dressers, and 29 other "sexual orientations"** (as listed by the American Psychological Association) ranging from bestiality to heterosexuality to pedophilia. Many of these behaviors are illegal, yet the bill does not differentiate between these "sexual orientations." Outlawing bullying motivated by illegal behaviors of the victim, tends to give those illegal behaviors legal sanction or approval.

**If Senate Bill 526 is enacted, it could lead to the silencing of Christians.** Any expression of disapproval or opposition to homosexual behavior, cross-dressing, or any number of "sexual orientations" could be deemed to be a form of bullying. This means, for example, that a male teacher who suddenly decides to wear a dress to school might not be disciplined or asked to cease this behavior for fear it would be bullying the teacher because of his "gender identity."

**The bill takes the emphasis off the bully and his bad behavior and places it on the victim.** It also draws greater attention to the distinguishing characteristic of the victim, thereby producing greater trauma for that student.

**This bill could eventually weaken our marriage laws.** As has already happened in California and Iowa, courts in North Carolina might look to this bill as evidence of a legislative intent to grant special rights to homosexuals. This could provide the legal basis to strike down North Carolina's marriage laws because they don't grant marriage rights to homosexuals.

**Note: The proponents of this measure often claim that the legislation states that it does not create specially protected classes. But this is disingenuous. The language of the bill is legalese double-speak. This bill would make "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" specially protected classes. No such language exists anywhere in North Carolina's current statutes.**

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**Take Christian Action Now:** It is imperative that you contact your NC House Representative immediately! Politely ask him/her to vote "NO" on **SB 526 – School Violence Prevention Act**. This bill has already passed the Senate and will likely pass the House unless citizen Christians are fervent and insistent in urging their Representative to vote against this bill. Your NC House Lawmaker's contact information is listed below.

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