

Final Text 2023-2024 #142

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-1-144 as follows:

22-1-144. Parental rights - definitions - information regarding gender incongruence.

(1) Definitions. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTENT OTHERWISE REQUIRES

(a) “CHILD” MEANS A PERSON LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE WHO HAS NOT BEEN EMANCIPATED.

(b) “GENDER INCONGRUENCE” MEANS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CHILD’S BIOLOGICAL SEX AND THE CHILD’S PERCEIVED OR DESIRED GENDER.

(c) “PARENT” MEANS A PERSON WHO HAS LEGAL CUSTODY OF A CHILD, INCLUDING A NATURAL PARENT, ADOPTIVE PARENT, OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

(d) “PUBLIC SCHOOL” MEANS ANY PRESCHOOL, PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL THAT RECEIVES STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDS.

(e) “PUBLIC SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE” MEANS ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR, TEACHER, NURSE, CONTRACTOR, VOLUNTEER, OR ANY OTHER PERSON ASSOCIATED WITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(2) Information regarding gender incongruence. ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE WHO OBTAINS INFORMATION THAT A CHILD ENROLLED IN THEIR PUBLIC SCHOOL IS EXPERIENCING GENDER INCONGRUENCE SHALL NOTIFY THE CHILD’S PARENTS WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OF RECEIVING SUCH INFORMATION.

SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability. This measure shall be effective on and after the date it is declared by proclamation of the governor to have been adopted by the registered electors of the state and shall apply to instances occurring on or after the effective date.