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Blue States Double Down on Child Transition

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On Monday, New York governor Kathy Hochul signed a bill that would further enshrine access to medicalized gender transitions for minors in the state. The legislation prevents other states' more restrictive laws from interfering with a minor's access to controversial transgender drugs and surgeries while present in New York.



In May, Washington governor Jay Inslee signed a law that gives youth shelters the right “to house youth without parent permission.” The shelters can now legally withhold information about a child’s whereabouts from their parents if the child is seeking “protected health care services,” which includes transgender drugs and surgeries. Instead of contacting parents, the shelter can instead communicate with the Washington Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF).

In April, the California State Assembly Judiciary Committee approved a bill that would allow minors aged twelve and older to opt into residential-shelter services without parental permission if a “professional person” — which includes school counselors, social workers, therapists, and “psychology trainees” — deems the child to be “mature enough” to make this decision and is of the opinion that parental involvement would be “inappropriate.”

As Susanna Luthi reported for the *Free Beacon*, earlier this year:

Blue states have increasingly sought to pass laws that exclude parents out of conversations about children's health and well-being. Just last week, Oregon Democrats advanced a sweeping bill to let kids as young as 15 opt for sex changes without their parents' involvement. Minnesota Democrats also hope to make their state a "haven" for self-identified transgender youth. California says it already prohibits teachers from telling parents if students are questioning their gender, though the policy was set by a state agency rather than law.

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