

Texas Legislative Update

April 17, 2025

The Texas House Must Hear from “We the People.”

There are 6 weeks left in the 89th Texas Legislative Session and the bills needed to protect our children and families are running out of time. Many of these bills have had multiple legislative cycles and children should never have to wait to be protected from grooming, sexualization, harm, and abuse.

However, what has recently passed out of the [Texas House Local and Consent Calendars Committee](#) to be presented on the House floor on Thursday, April 17, 2025 – [HR 236](#) – is a resolution to HONOR Cecile Richards, former president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, America’s largest organization responsible for the deaths of millions of children, as well as sex-ed programs encouraging youth promiscuity in schools all over the nation. Richards also founded the Texas Freedom Network which regularly lobbies and opposes legislation protecting life, abstinence among youth, protecting children from sexualization and grooming, and the God-given distinctions between male and female.

This is wrong, but this resolution is being heard and considered on the floor of the Texas House AHEAD of these bills that would actually protect Texas children from people like Cecile Richards, Planned Parenthood, or the Texas Freedom Network:

- **HB 239:** Amend the state government code to define biological sex and prohibits individuals from using state-funded facilities such as jails, shelters, public bathrooms and changing rooms, and other private spaces that are designated for use by the opposite sex.
- **HB 267 / SB 412:** Close the obscenity exemption in the law involving material or conduct that is obscene or otherwise harmful to children.
- **HB 1088:** Expand the statute of limitations on a health care liability claim involving certain gender modification drugs and procedures performed on a minor.
- **HB 1158:** Reinstate a previous requirement for a parental opt-in for sexual education for children in public schools.
- **HB 1443:** Outlaw the promotion/possession of child-like sex dolls in TX.
- **HB 1549:** Ensure that obscene devices (sex toys) aren’t openly displayed or marketed in retail stores where minors can access them.
- **HB 1806:** Ban taxpayer money being used to fund travel, etc. to another state for an abortion.
- **HB 3225:** Prohibit access by minors to sexually explicit materials in libraries.
- **HB 4623:** Hold public schools and professional school employees liable for failure to report certain injuries and abuse against students.
- **HB 5510:** Prohibit chemical abortions by creating criminal offenses; authorizing a private civil right of action for distribution of abortion-inducing drugs.

- **SB 18:** Defund municipal libraries that host drag queen story times for children or events where persons presenting as the opposite sex read books to children for entertainment.
- **SB 400:** Require school districts to obtain written consent from a child's parent prior to any psychological or psychiatric exam, test, survey, check-in, or screening.
- **SB 1396:** Current law relating to prohibiting the adoption or use of national sexuality education standards in public schools.

And these are just some of the bills that would protect Texas children and families which either have not been heard in a House committee, or have not passed out of a committee, nor made it to House Calendars to be brought to the House floor for a vote. We are critically running out of time in the session.

Action: What can you do?

- Call and/or email Speaker Dustin Burrows. Express that you not only adamantly oppose this resolution, HR 236, honoring Cecile Richards, but that you want to see all of these bills (listed above) brought to the House floor and allowed a vote before the end of session, and you expect for him to do everything in his power to make this happen.

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- Next, call/email your elected Texas House representative and tell them the same thing. You can find who represents you and their contact information [here](#).

Texans are smart people, which is why they voted for a majority House, Senate, and Executive branch who claim to be PRO life, family, child, religious freedom, state and national security, and law and order. We expect these promises to be kept, and we are watching and praying that they will.