

Federal Bill Requires Schools to Grant LGBT Protections

Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., introduced the Student Nondiscrimination Act of 2010 Thursday. The bill would grant special protections to gay, lesbian and transgender characteristics in every public school in America.

A similar bill has already been introduced in the House.

Neal McClusky, associate director of the Center for Educational Freedom at the Cato Institute, said every student deserves protection – not just those in a political subgroup.

"It's frankly wrong to have a law that puts you in a specific class and gives you a protection based on your group identity," he said. "What should be prohibited is bullying against anybody."

Kevin Smith, executive director of Cornerstone Action in New Hampshire, said gay activists rarely let the law stop at student behavior.

"They've been using these anti-bullying laws," he said, "as vehicles to then insert a sexualized and politicized agenda into the classroom."

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