



Biblical Citizenship Briefing

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In California

Second Verse, Same as the First – All bills that survived their first house are now being heard in policy committees in their second house, with some already headed to the Appropriations Committees or floor. June is a crucial and fast-paced month. All bills must be through their policy committees by July 2, when the summer recess begins. Legislators then return August 3 for the final push of this year's session. Remember, bills are in their second house now. An assembly bill (AB) is now in the Senate, so you would contact your state senator, contacting your assembly member for Senate bills (SB).

Share Your Views – California Family Council (CFC) is holding a **Lobby Day on June 24** at the State Capitol. But you don't need to fly to Sacramento to talk to your legislators' offices. They have district offices nearby where you can discuss bills that you support or oppose with staff (making an appointment is recommended). Alternatively, you may call to share your views or use the CFC [Action Center](#). Find out more [here](#). Find your California state legislators at findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov.

CFC has developed excellent resources to help you learn more about key bills and be ready to discuss them. There are downloadable lobby sheets available for many bills that offer talking points about what each bill does and why CFC supports or opposes it. Find them [here](#) and see several bills listed below. (*Referrals are for informational purposes only, and do not imply an endorsement by EFCC of the opinions, positions, or contents of the site.*)

Protecting Children from Online Exploitation (AB 1946) – Creates a new penalty of up to \$250,000 per day for any social media platform without a functioning child sexual abuse material (CSAM) reporting system. California already allows CSAM victims to sue platforms, but this bill goes further, also closing the "we didn't know" loophole and covering AI-generated CSAM, including deepfakes. Download a lobby sheet [here](#). Share your support with your state senator.

Expanding abortion providers (AB 1973) – Allows nurse practitioners, nurse-midwives and physician assistants to perform dilation and evacuation abortions with no gestational limits. AB 1973 [passed](#) the Assembly floor on May 18. In a recent interview with CFC, Dr. Vansen Wong, who testified against the bill before the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Comm. said, "This bill makes it possible for less skilled healthcare professionals to perform the riskiest and, indeed, gruesome procedures." Download a lobby sheet [here](#) and share your concerns with your state senator.

Providing Condoms in Middle and High School (SB 608) – A holdover from last year, this bill would require public schools with students in grades 7-12 to allow condoms to be "available and easily accessible" in school health centers, pupil peer groups, clubs and health fairs. It also requires any retail store to make nonprescription contraceptives available to any person regardless of age. The bill [passed](#) the Senate in January. Download a lobby sheet [here](#) and contact your assembly member.

Silencing Counselors (SB 934) – Creates retroactive civil liability extending the statute of limitations on psychological injury or illness arising from therapy for *unwanted* attractions or dysphoria. Mental health providers could be liable for damages years, even decades, later. The statute of limitations would be extended to 22 years after a minor turns 18, 10 years for adult. SB 934 [passed](#) the Senate in May. Download a lobby sheet [here](#) and share your concerns with your assembly member. If the bill becomes law there will likely be First Amendment challenges, particularly given the recent [Chiles](#) decision by the Supreme Court.

Your Tax Dollars at Work – The [floor report](#) for the 2026-27 California state budget has been released. It reveals the plan for how the revenue from our taxes will be used. Included in healthcare expenses is \$40 million for reproductive health care (abortion) and \$26 million for gender-rejecting healthcare.

Do You Know Who Represents You? – According to Gallup, just 35% of adults know who their member of Congress is, with fewer able to name their U.S. senators. Those who can name their state-level legislators number in the single or low double digits. We make it easy for you to be among the informed! Just download our "Communicating with Elected Officials" tip sheet [here](#) and keep the names and contact information for your federal, state and local leaders at your fingertips – or on your phone.

In the Courts

Female Wrestler Sues over Assault by Transgender Opponent – A wrestler since age four, sophomore Kallie Keeler, at 15, was participating in a high school girls' wrestling tournament in Washington in December 2025 when her opponent sexually assaulted her. The biological male was matched against her without her knowledge. Kallie shouted to her mother, who was filming the match, indicating what was happening to her and let the boy pin her to end the assault. He groped her again and she left the mat crying. No coaches intervened and, even though they were presented with the video, officials took 53 days to report the incident to law enforcement – a 48-hour requirement under the law.

On June 9, 2026, Alliance Defending Freedom filed a [complaint](#) against the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association, the state's superintendent of public instruction, the school district and others. "A 15-year-old girl was sexually assaulted because of political cowardice. Washington state officials insist on pushing gender ideology at all costs—even at the expense of girls' safety and privacy," said ADF Senior Counsel Kate Anderson, director of the ADF Center for Parental Rights. "Our client's story is proof of the grave harms caused by lying about biology. This must end—otherwise, girls will continue getting hurt and violated. We are urging the court to require state officials to change their policy to ensure that girls' privacy and safety are protected when they compete in the sports they love. No girl should have to unknowingly wrestle a boy. And at a minimum, parents must be notified before their daughters are matched against male opponents."

The school district currently has no plans to change its policy, and female wrestlers could be matched against biological males without any prior notice. Even without the assault, girls are at higher risk of injury when competing against males due to their biological differences in strength, muscle mass, bone structure, height and reach. Kallie and her mother are asking the court to protect girls from unknowingly competing against males. The complaint also seeks damages for forcing Kallie to compete in a hostile environment, for violating her mother's Fourteenth Amendment rights as a parent, for violation of the Equal Protection Clause, and to restore her ranking in the tournament. The case's outcome may ultimately reach beyond Washington. Read more [here](#).

Bonta Makes California's Position on Life Clear – In our [May](#) issue, we discussed the abortion pill reversal case that now goes to trial on June 24. State Attorney General Rob Bonta asserts that when Heartbeat International and RealOptions give mothers hope that their babies may be saved after they have ingested the abortion pill, it "only underscores the seriousness of their misconduct." Bonta is asking the judge to fine Heartbeat International \$19.8 million and RealOptions \$640,000, in addition to a gag order prohibiting them from speaking about abortion pill reversal, even though he admits the procedure is legal. He wants \$5,000 for each time these non-profit, prolife, faith-based organizations speak about these services. Does the First Amendment not apply to them? ***Please pray*** for the legal team at the Thomas More Society as they argue this important case.

Men Charged with Murder by Pill – An Illinois man was arrested last August for drugging his girlfriend, then seven weeks pregnant, with the abortion pill and causing her to miscarry. Earlier this month the 32-year-old was [sentenced](#) to seven years in prison for voluntary manslaughter. Read more [here](#).

In Louisiana, a father has been [charged](#) with attempted feticide for giving his daughter, 23 weeks pregnant, abortion pills without her consent. Much too late for the standard timing of the killing cocktail, the girl went into labor and delivered a baby weighing just one pound. Both survived, but the infant will require a long stay in the hospital.

These are just two of a growing number of reported cases of abortion pill poisoning. It's certainly possible that many such cases have gone unnoticed with mothers assuming they have miscarried. Pray for moms and their babies to be protected from this evil.

In the News

Four California School Districts under DOJ Review – The Justice Department's Civil Rights Division has begun a review of the Graves Elementary School District, San Francisco Unified School District, Santa Rita Union School District, and Soledad Unified School District. This action is in response to the recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions *Mirabelli v. Bonta* and *Mahmoud v. Taylor*. The reviews will examine whether the school districts are providing proper opt-out notification to parents with regard to instruction regarding sexual orientation and gender ideology in grades K-12 and what actions, if any, the districts have taken since the two decisions to bring them into compliance.

"This Department of Justice will not tolerate local school authorities trampling on the rights of parents concerning the education of their children," said Assistant Attorney General Harmeet K. Dhillon of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. "The Supreme Court's recent decisions in *Mahmoud* and *Mirabelli* have put all school districts on notice: policies that keep parents in the dark about sexuality and gender ideology in the classroom must end now." Read more [here](#).

In the News

What's in Your School Library? – The California Globe recently published an expose about the prevalence of sexually-explicit books in schools across the state. But many go beyond sexually-explicit to "boldly pornographic – lewd, obscene, salacious." They involve incest and rape, not only inappropriate, but also potentially triggering to some students. The piece also includes approved content from the [Department of Education's website](#). Including: "Kindergarten books that introduce 5-year-olds to families with members who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender." And "First grade gender vocabulary lessons on words such as third gender, trans, queergender, non-binary, gender fluid, gender neutral, agender, bigender, and two-spirits."

Capitol Resource Institute's [Take Back the Classroom](#) has been accumulating data from school districts across California and beyond to help parents find out just what books are available in their school libraries and often assigned in the classroom. Search for your child's school [here](#). Read the Globe article [here](#) (Warning: mature content).

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