

Republican Support for Anti-Conversion Therapy Legislation

Protecting our nation's youth from the dangerous and discredited practice of conversion therapy is a fundamentally nonpartisan issue, and legislation prohibiting this practice has a distinguished track record of bipartisan support.

- Of the 20 states which have passed anti-conversion therapy legislation, 8 of those laws were signed by Republican governors.
 - 2013 Governor Chris Christie, New Jersey, AB 3317
 - 2015 Governor Bruce Rauner, Illinois, HB 217
 - 2017 Governor Susana Martinez, New Mexico, SB 121
 - 2017 Governor Brian Sandoval, Nevada, SB 201
 - 2018 Governor Larry Hogan, Maryland, SB 1028
 - 2018 Governor Chris Sununu, New Hampshire, HB 587
 - 2019 Governor Charlie Baker, Massachusetts, H140/S2187
 - 2020 Governor Gary Herbert, Utah* (via regulation)
- As of January 2020, Utah has protections equivalent to a state law following Governor Herbert's direction to the state's licensing boards to adopt protections for youth from conversion therapy.
- Across the country, Republican lawmakers had sponsored or voted in favor of such legislation 562 times (as of July 2020).
- In the 20 states which have passed legislation against conversion therapy, every bill has passed with Republican support.
 - Only twice has a bill even been voted out of a chamber without a GOP vote: in the CA senate, which was the first state to pass such legislation, and the Hawaii senate, which had no Republican members at the time.
 - The 20 states with legislation or comprehensive regulations are: CA, CO, CT, DE, HI, IL, ME, MA, MD, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OR, RI, UT, VA VT, and WA.