
DIGEST

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Abstract: Defines "sex" and changes all references from "gender" to "sex".

Present law provides for the following:

- (1) Definitions and use of gender or number in present law.
- (2) Boards, commissions, committees, authorities, and council appointments or membership of the La. Industrial Hemp Promotion and Research Advisory Board, La. Equine Promotion and Research Advisory Board, Hospital advisory committees, Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, Advisory councils, children and youth services advisory boards, postsecondary education management boards, charter school boards, La. State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, La. State Board of Nursing, La. State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners, La. State Board of Optometry Examiners, La. Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, Board of Pharmacy, La. State Board of Examiners for Sanitarians, La. State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, La. Physical Therapy Board, La. Board for Hearing Aid Dealers, La. State Board of Social Work Examiners, Board of Electrolysis Examiners, La. State Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition, Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners, Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority, La. Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Board of Examiners, La. Board of Massage Therapy, La. Behavior Analyst Board, La. Board of Drug and Device Distributors, La. Interagency Council on Homelessness, Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training, La. Board of Ethics, Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee, Council on Medicaid Pharmacy Reimbursement, La. Economic Development, central collection commissions, Volunteer La. Commission, Ouachita Expressway Authority, Shreveport Implementation and Redevelopment Authority, Sewage and Water Board, Evangeline Economic Development Authority, Village of Palmetto in St. Landry Parish, Board of Commissioners St. Martin Parish, Board of Commissioners St. Landry Parish, and La. Workforce Investment Council.
- (3) Data collection and reports for criminal justice reform, the Office of juvenile justice, schools, traffic citations, and migration of residents.
- (4) Criminal matters regarding peremptory exceptions, expungement forms, detention centers, hate crimes, education, training and discipline, work opportunities, vocational training, contracts and agreements, solitary confinement, and impaired tracking systems.

- (5) Insurance matters regarding examinations, Louisiana Health Plan, and actuarial reviews.
- (6) The Poverty Point Reservoir Development Dedicated Fund Account, Police Pension Fund for the Police Department of the City Of New Orleans, and Firefighters' Pension and Relief Fund in the City Of New Orleans.
- (7) The Uniform International Child Abduction Prevention Act.
- (8) The La. Riverboat Economic Development and Gaming Control Act.
- (9) The La. Parkinson's Disease Registry.
- (10) The Parish Hospital Service District for the Parish of Orleans.
- (11) Targeted advertisements, gestational carriers, horse racing, commemorative certificates, small and emerging businesses, and deer and turkey harvest records and tagging.

Proposed law retains present law generally but changes references from "gender" to "sex".

Proposed law defines "sex" as an individual's biological sex, either male or female, as observed or clinically certified at birth. Gender identity and other subjective terms shall not be used as synonyms or substitutes for sex.

Proposed law also authorizes and directs the La. Law Institute to change all references in law from gender to sex as it pertains to personally identifiable information of an individual.

Proposed law may be known and cited as the "Restoring Biological Truth Act".

(Amends C.C. Art. 14, C.C.P. Art. 5055, C.Cr.P. Arts. 4, 795(C), (D), and (E), 989, 992, 994, 997, 998, and 999.1, Ch.C. Arts. 106, 720(B)(1), 725, 1217.1(A)(4), and 1239.1(A)(4), R.S. 1:8, R.S. 3:1493(E) and 2074(E), R.S. 4:158.2(A)(2) and 193(B), R.S. 9:2720(D), R.S. 11:3390 and 3662, R.S. 13:1856 and 1857(A)(8)(d)(ii) and (ii), R.S. 14:107.2(A), R.S. 15:827.3(A)(2)(c)(i), 832(A), 905(F)(13)(b) and (14)(a)(ii) and (d)(ii), 933(D)(4) and (E)(1)(intro. para.), 934(B)(4), 1110(D)(3), 1204.2(B)(4), and 1228.9(D)(1)(a), R.S. 17:17.5(B)(2), 100.13(G)(2)(f) and (J), 221.3(B)(2)(d), 416(M), 416.21(N)(3)(a) and (b)(i)(aa) and (bb), 1519.7(C), 1871(A)(3), 1998, 3047.7(B)(2)(a), 3351(B)(2)(b)(ii), 3399.12(5)(i), 3911(B)(1)(i)(intro. para.) and (4)(a)(intro. para.), 3991(A)(1)(b)(iv) and (B)(3), and 5067(B)(7), R.S. 22:1204(A)(10)(b), 1504(1), 1545(I)(1)(intro. para.) and (J), 1808.2(H), 2161(B), 2187(D)(4), and 2503(9)(b)(intro. para.), R.S. 23:2043(B)(1), R.S. 27:46(B), R.S. 32:398.10(A)(2) and 429.3, R.S. 33:130.302(A)(2), 130.882(A)(2), 363(D), 2740.70.3(B)(2), 4071(A)(6), and 4720.301(G)(2), R.S. 36:108(B)(5), R.S. 37:832(A)(2), 914(B)(3), 962(C), 1042(B)(1)(b), 1104(A), 1172(A), 2102(A)(2), 2353(A)(2), 2403(H), 2407(D), 2455(B)(1), 2704(A)(intro. para.), 3061(A)(2)(c), 3084(B)(2), 3201(B)(2), 3386.2(C), 3389(C), 3444(A), 3463(B)(1), 3554(A)(2), and 3703(B)(3), R.S. 40:31.61, 101(D)(1), 600.151(D)(1)(I)(ii)(hh) and (m)(iv) and 2403(H)(1), R.S. 42:2.1(A) and 1132(B)(1)(a), (b), and (c), R.S. 46:153.3(D)(1), 288.5(1), 460.37(B)(10), 1095(A), and 1941.8(A)(intro. para.), R.S. 47:337.14(E)(2) and 1702(6),

R.S. 48:2134(C)(intro. para.), R.S. 49:1112(B)(1), R.S. 51:942(A), R.S. 56:108(A) and 1705(C), and Section 2 of Act 656 of the 2024 Regular Session)