



States	Prohibiting statement	Definition	Scope	Protected groups	District policy requirement	Reporting and investigations	Consequences	Communication of policy	Safeguards and supports	Review and update of local policies	Prevention education	Staff training	Parent engagement
<a href="#">California</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Colorado</a>		✓		✓	✓		✓			✓	✓		✓
<a href="#">Connecticut</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Delaware</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">District of Columbia</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Florida</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Georgia</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
<a href="#">Guam</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Hawaii</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<a href="#">Idaho</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<a href="#">Illinois</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
<a href="#">Indiana</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Iowa</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Kansas</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓						✓	✓	
<a href="#">Kentucky</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	



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<a href="#">New York</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
<a href="#">North Carolina</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
<a href="#">North Dakota</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Ohio</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Oklahoma</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Oregon</a> <sup>1</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Pennsylvania</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Puerto Rico</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Rhode Island</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">South Carolina</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">South Dakota</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓						
<a href="#">Tennessee</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Texas</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">U.S. Virgin Islands</a>					✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	
<a href="#">Utah</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

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<a href="#">Vermont</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
<a href="#">Virginia</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Washington</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">West Virginia</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Wisconsin</a>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓
<a href="#">Wyoming</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

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2. TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN LAW, POLICIES AND REGULATIONS, GO TO [HTTP://WWW.PUBLICHEALTHLAWCENTER.ORG/SITES/DEFAULT/FILES/RESOURCES/TCLC-FS-LAWS-POLICIES-REGS-COMMONTERMS-2015.PDF](http://www.publichealthlawcenter.org/sites/default/files/resources/tclc-fs-laws-policies-regs-commonterms-2015.pdf)