



WHAT IS SB 49?

Senate Bill 49 established Missouri's "Save Adolescents from Experimentation" Act (SAFE Act).

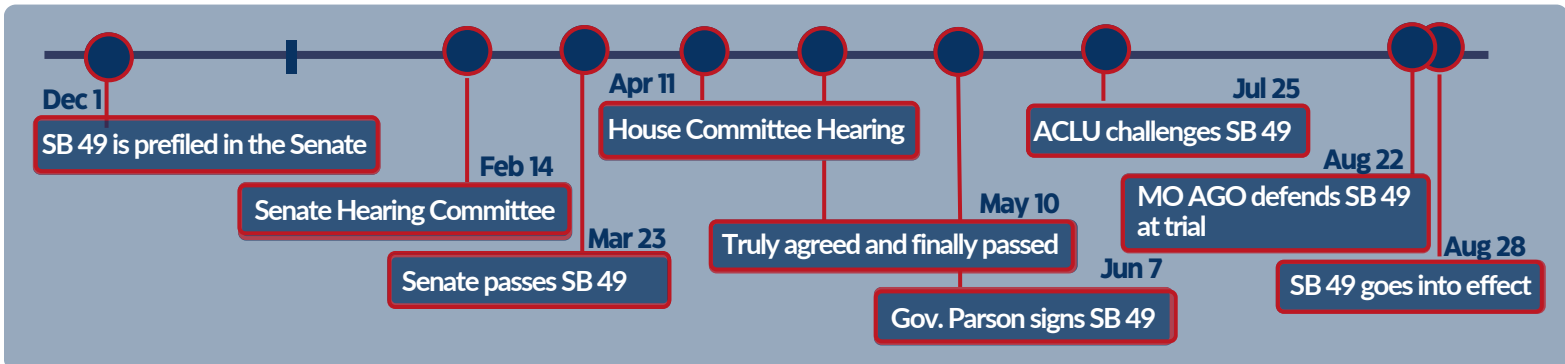
Protecting Our Most Vulnerable

- The law bans any health care provider in the state from performing experimental gender transition procedures on minors. This includes prescription of cross-sex hormones, puberty blockers, and "gender reassignment surgery."
- The SAFE Act bans experimental procedures until August 28th, 2027, with an exception for those who were actively receiving these experimental medications prior to August 28, 2023 (the date the SAFE Act went into effect).

Creating Accountability

- SB 49 establishes that any healthcare provider who violates these bans will have their professional license revoked.
- Prescription of cross-sex hormones and puberty blockers to a minor provides grounds for legal action against the provider with monetary damages set at a minimum of \$500,000. The law also BANS providers from obtaining a waiver of this right to bring a lawsuit.
- The SAFE Act bars MO HealthNet (a government funded healthcare program) from covering the cost of gender transition surgeries, hormones, and puberty blockers AND bars these surgeries from being provided in corrections facilities.

SENATE BILL 49 TIMELINE



ACLU CHALLENGE

The plaintiffs, ACLU and Lamda Legal asked the Court to issue a preliminary injunction.

What is a Preliminary Injunction (PI)?

A PI would have blocked SB 49 from taking effect. To succeed, the plaintiffs needed to prove, among other things, that a law preventing the mutilation of a child's genitalia would not be in the public interest and would cause "irreparable harm" without the issuance of an order.

THE COURT'S DECISION

There Was No:

"Constitutional violation" as claimed by the plaintiff – there is no clause in the Constitution that requires the legislature to defer to leftist activists rather than science.

"Clear public interest" in preventing SB 49 from taking effect – in reality the public interest is in protecting children.

Plaintiffs Were Unable to:

Prove that SB 49 taking effect would cause "irreparable injury" – validating our belief that these experimental procedures are what is actually causing irreparable harm to children.

Provide clear scientific evidence that supported their claims – the Court's decision reads that "the evidence raises more questions than answers."

**Thanks to the efforts of our legal team,
SB 49 became effective on August 28, 2023.**