

11 states sue over Obama's school transgender directive

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas and 10 other states are suing the Obama administration over its directive to U.S. public schools to let transgender students use the bathrooms and locker rooms that match their gender identity.

The lawsuit announced Wednesday includes Oklahoma, Alabama, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Tennessee, Maine, Arizona, Louisiana, Utah and Georgia. It asks a North Texas federal court to declare the directive unlawful in what ranks among the most coordinated and visible legal challenges by states over the socially divisive issue of bathroom rights for transgender persons.

The Obama administration has "conspired to turn workplace and educational settings across the country into laboratories for a massive social experiment,

flouting the democratic process, and running roughshod over commonsense policies protecting children and basic privacy rights," the lawsuit reads.

Many of the conservative states involved had previously vowed defiance, calling the guidance a threat to safety while being accused of discrimination by supporters of transgender rights. U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch has previously said "there is no room in our schools for discrimination."

The White House had no comment on the lawsuit. The Justice Department said it would review the complaint and did not comment further.

Texas' lieutenant governor has previously said the state is willing to forfeit \$10 billion in federal education dollars rather than comply. The directive from the U.S. Justice and Education Departments

represents an escalation in the fast-moving dispute over what is becoming the civil rights issue of the day.

Pressed about whether he knew of any instances in which a child's safety had been threatened because of transgender bathroom rights, Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said "there's not a lot of research" during a news conference about the lawsuit. He said his office has heard from concerned parents, but didn't say how many, and said he did not meet with any parents of transgender students before drafting the lawsuit.

The states claim that the directive demands "seismic changes" in schools across the U.S. and forces them to let students choose a bathroom "that match their chosen 'gender identity' on any given day."

Two school districts

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joined the states in the lawsuit: one is the tiny Harrold school district in North Texas, which has roughly 100 students and passed a policy this week requiring students to use the bathroom based on the gender on their birth certificate. Superintendent David Thweatt said his schools have no transgender students to his knowledge but defended the district taking on the federal government.

"It's not moot because it was thrust upon us by the federal government," Thweatt said, "or we were going to risk losing our

federal funding."

The question of whether federal civil rights law protects transgender people has not been definitively answered by the courts and may ultimately be decided by the Supreme Court. But schools that refuse to comply could be hit with civil rights lawsuits from the government and could face a cutoff of federal aid to education.

The guidance was issued after the Justice Department and North Carolina sued each other over a state law that requires transgender people to use the public bathroom that corresponds

to the sex on their birth certificate. The law applies to schools and many other places.

Supporters say such measures are needed to protect women and children from sexual predators, while the Justice Department and others argue the threat is practically nonexistent and the law discriminatory.

Education officials in Arizona said campuses already had policies to protect students from bullying and discrimination "regardless of their gender identity." A small Arizona school district also joined in the lawsuit.

"The fact that the federal government has yet again decided that it knows what is best for every one of our local communities is insulting and, quite frankly, intolerable," Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction Diane Douglas said.

Television > Today's highlights



Gabrielle Reece hosts "Strong"

Strong (25) KNDU KGW 8:00 p.m. The final teams are set, but one contestant faces a potentially restrictive injury in this new episode. Hosted by professional volleyball player Gabrielle Reece, the unique series follows women on a transformative journey to greater overall strength.

500 Questions (42) KVEW KATU 8:00 p.m. Some of the smartest people in the country attempt to answer 500 general knowledge trivia questions in this season premiere. Hosted by Dan Harris, the unique game show only has one rule: contestants can't get more than three wrong in a row.

Red Nose Day (25) KNDU KGW 9:00 p.m. Celebrities come together to help raise money to help lift children out of poverty in this two-hour special. The program features musical performances as well as comedy sketches from A-list stars from around the world.

60 Days In A&E 9:00 p.m. In this season finale, the seven participants meet for the first time to talk about their experiences on the inside. Things get heated when the women relive a contentious moment, and Robert is confronted for not taking the program seriously.

Rush Hour (19) KEPR KOIN 10:00 p.m. Hong Kong cop Det. Lee (Jon Foo) works alongside LAPD officer Det. Carter (Justin Hires) in a new episode of this action comedy based on the film franchise of the same name. Although the two have completely different styles, they make a great team.

Beat Bobby Flay FOOD 10:00 p.m. The competition heats up when Miami restaurateur and chef Adrienne Calvo takes on German native and top-notch Pennsylvania chef Ben Thomas in this new episode. They go head to head for the chance to defeat Bobby Flay.

Showing Roots LIFE 10:00 p.m. Two women forge an unlikely friendship in a quest to integrate a small town in this premiere made-for-television movie. Set in 1977, the film follows as they are inspired by the mini-series "Roots" to make a difference.

Talk shows

6:00 a.m. (42) KVEW Good Morning Northwest WPIX Maury
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7:00 a.m. (19) KEPR KOIN CBS This Morning
(25) KNDU KGW Today Show The 'Today Show' celebrates Red Nose Day.
(42) KVEW KATU Good Morning America WPIX Maury
7:30 a.m. LIFE The Balancing Act Understanding melanoma and protecting your skin from the sun.
8:00 a.m. WPIX The Jerry Springer Show
9:00 a.m. (19) KEPR The Meredith Vieira Show Today's guest is Dave Coulier.
(25) KNDU KGW Today Show II Today celebrates their Summer movie preview.
(42) KVEW Live! With Kelly Andy Cohen joins Kelly as co-host with guest Megan Fox.
ALN The Balancing Act WPIX The Jerry Springer Show Que reveals that he used to be a woman; Misti's threesome has turned into an affair.
10:00 a.m. (25) KNDU KGW Today Show III Tips for throwing an amazing garden party are featured.
(42) KVEW KATU The View HALL Home and Family WPIX The Bill Cunningham Show Proven cheaters will have to spin their 'Wheel of Shame' to find out their humiliating fate.
11:00 a.m. (25) KNDU The Wendy Williams Show
KGW The Dr. Oz Show KATU Live! With Kelly Andy Cohen joins Kelly as co-host with guest Megan Fox.
Noon KPTV The Rachael Ray Show It's our annual Five-Alarm Cook-Off;

Firefighters from each borough are representing.
(31) KTNW Charlie Rose
(42) KVEW KATU The Chew HALL Home and Family WPIX The Steve Wilkos Show
1:00 p.m. KPTV The Wendy Williams Show
(19) KEPR KOIN The Talk
(53) OPB Charlie Rose
2:00 p.m. KPTV The Real Koin (42) KVEW The Doctors KGW FABLife
KATU The Meredith Vieira Show Today's guest is Dave Coulier.
3:00 p.m. (19) KEPR KOIN Dr. Phil KGW The Ellen DeGeneres Show
(42) KVEW The Rachael Ray Show It's our annual Five-Alarm Cook-Off; Firefighters from each borough are representing.
KATU Steve Harvey
4:00 p.m. (25) KNDU The Ellen DeGeneres Show
(42) KVEW FABLife
4:30 p.m. ALN The Jet Set
4:45 p.m. HBO Last Week Tonight With John Oliver
11:00 p.m. (31) KTNW Charlie Rose
11:05 p.m. Conan
11:35 p.m. (19) KEPR KOIN The Late Show With Stephen Colbert
(25) KNDU KGW The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon KATU Jimmy Kimmel Live Midnight TBS Full Frontal With Samantha Bee
12:35 a.m. (25) KNDU KGW Late Night With Seth Meyers
(19) KEPR KOIN The Late Show With James Corden Rebel Wilson and David Schwimmer visit tonight.

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