



Ask your CA Senator and Assembly Member to Vote NO on SB18 & NOT Co-author this Children’s Bill of Rights

Unnecessary, Unconstitutional, Overreaching, & Wasteful of California’s Time, Money, and Parental Goodwill

Are California Parents really doing such a poor job of raising their children that they need the state to intervene in every aspect of their lives? California already has tried and true programs for those parents who do need assistance for their children to get ahead. Research has already been done to identify what societal and educational factors affect the success of a child the most. Let’s not reinvent the wheel, wasting \$25-40 billion of California’s already stretched budget on a law which will do more harm than good, and in the long run line the pockets of corporations rather than our children’s future.

Everyone agrees all Children and Youth have the right to health, safety, well-being, education, and the familial supports necessary for them to succeed and become productive members of society. They already have that right today, and laws already exist to address extreme cases of parental neglect or abuse. It is one thing to put laws in place to lift parents out of poverty or increase funding for our failing education system, or laws to protect children from extreme cases of parental neglect and abuse. However, it is a whole different agenda for the state to pass a law that intends to create policy that will determine what is in the best interests of children, regardless of their parent’s beliefs, culture, religion, sexual orientation, etc. which is what SB18 leaves the door open for.

It is the state’s role to allocate budgeted funding toward education and outreach programs that foster good parenting. Instead, SB18 writes a blank check to special interests groups with financial interests in establishing new policy. Legislation and funding support should improve the systems already in place.

But the real reason for SB18 is not children’s rights. It is a complete overhaul of the tax code in disguise, including, but not limited to Prop 13, sales, state and online taxation reform. Tax reform should not be cloaked in our children’s future.

Real leadership is PARTNERING with parents to continually make children a priority and invest in our youth. It is NOT legislating away their rights and choices to the highest bidder or tax reform lobbyist.

SB 18 IS AN UNFUNDED, UNATTAINABLE, UTOPIAN UNIVERSE, USURPING RIGHTS!

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SB18 (Pan): The Bill of Rights for Children and Youth in California IS:

UNNECESSARY - Over 500 welfare and institutions, health and safety, education, public health, penal and family codes already exist, that currently address all aspects of SB18's so-called rights.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL – Removes fundamental parental decision making. According to the US Supreme Court (Troxel v. Granville), the parent-child relationship is a fundamental covenant and the parents' role to provide children with shelter, sustenance, protection, love, medical treatment, direct educational selection, and to cultivate a successful societal experience - not the state.

THREATENS DIVERSITY – Creates a one size fits all state mandated plan for all California youth. California is built on the diversity of its people and a child's upbringing, culture, and parents are the greatest influencers of that diversity. Low income families who are LGBTQIA+, religious, immigrant, special needs, or unique in any way will have to conform to SB18's best practices and become an institutional society.

INTRUSIVE & OVERREACHING - SB18 Interferes in the parent-child relationship and grants rights that are fundamental. It is not the role of teachers, doctors, the state, or the federal government to intervene in the parent child relationship unless absolutely necessary. Rather than creating an environment that educates and supports healthy choices, SB18 threatens freedom in the realms of education, health, and home. Fundamental rights are those every person is born with, not written in the Constitution because they are so basic. SB18 would give children more rights than any adult in the US. People (children and adults alike) are born with rights. It is a very dangerous precedent to allow the Government to state that they can "grant" anyone native rights.

A WASTE OF CALIFORNIA'S MONEY - Research into what allows a child to succeed to their highest ability has already been done. Just one example: "A broad, demographically-based look at the landscape of American families," conducted by the Pew Research Center, "reveals stark parenting divides linked less to philosophies or values, and more to economic circumstances and changing family structure." <http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/2015/12/17/parenting-in-america/>

UNFUNDED AND DEMANDING OF A TAX CODE OVERHAUL – The real cost of SB18 will be over \$25 Billion and the real agenda of SB18 is not our children's rights but tax reform, including third rail Prop 13, sales tax, income tax, online/grey market taxation.

TO STOP SB18, PLEASE VOICE YOUR OPPOSITION BY:

STRENGTHENING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR STATE SENATOR & ASSEMBLY MEMBER - The goal is to get to the point where without saying anything they know who you are and what you stand for, and that they can come to you when they want that expertise.

- **Call their local district office** - express your concern, ask them not to co-author SB18 and set up a meeting with them asap. <http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov>
- **Nurture these relationships** – sign up for their newsletters, go to their events, support bills they have authored this session, stop by their office at least once a month and talk to them/ their staff.

TALKING TO ALL FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS ABOUT SB18 AND CAUSE THEM TO BE OUTRAGED – Everyone in CA should be in uproar about this, or at least one piece of it. Encourage them to contact their legislators.

HANDING OUT "OPPOSE SB18" FLYERS EVERYWHERE - At events, gatherings, farmer's markets (AVFCA is happy to print them for you). Encourage the people you meet to call their legislators.

