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Attorney General Steve Marshall Announces Victory in Defense of Alabama's Law Prohibiting Sex-Change Procedures for Minors

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(Montgomery, Ala) – Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall announced today a landmark legal victory in *Boe v. Marshall* following the [plaintiffs' decision to drop](#) their challenge to Alabama's *Vulnerable Child Compassion and Protection Act*, which prohibits experimental sex-change procedures for minors. The dismissal marks a total and historic win for the State of Alabama.

"Three years ago, multiple sets of plaintiffs, represented by the ACLU, SPLC, and some of the nation's largest law firms, filed suit against Alabama to challenge our law protecting vulnerable kids from life-altering sex-change procedures," Attorney General Marshall said. "We fought back. We defeated a preliminary injunction and conducted court-ordered discovery into the so-called 'standards of care' that these groups claimed were evidence-based. What we found was devastating to the plaintiffs' challenge: a medical, legal, and political scandal that will be studied for decades. Given the evidence we uncovered, it is no surprise the plaintiffs abandoned their challenge."

Attorney General Marshall continued, "We uncovered the truth. We exposed the scandal. We won. Alabama led the way, and now all families are safer for it."

Discovery in the case revealed that key medical organizations misled parents, promoted unproven treatments as settled science, and ignored growing international concern over the use of sex-change procedures to treat gender dysphoria in minors. Contrary to their public claims, these groups had little reliable evidence to support the interventions they recommended. Additionally, Alabama's investigation uncovered internal communications showing that the "standards of care" were crafted with input from lawyers and activists to win lawsuits and influence policy decisions, even if those goals were at odds with the scientific evidence.

The *Vulnerable Child Compassion and Protection Act* makes it a felony for doctors to provide minors with puberty blockers, cross-sex hormone treatments, or surgeries for the purpose of gender transition. The Act ensures that children are not rushed into permanent decisions and that parents are empowered to provide real care, not



irreversible harm. The law was enacted in April 2022 and preliminarily enjoined by a federal district court that May. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit vacated the injunction in August 2023, opening the door for Alabama to enforce its law.

Attorney General Marshall has not only defended Alabama's statute but also led nationally by filing key legal briefs in support of similar laws in other states, including Tennessee. When Tennessee's law reached the U.S. Supreme Court, Alabama submitted a noteworthy brief highlighting evidence uncovered during its own discovery. That ruling is still pending, but the fact that plaintiffs in Alabama's case chose to drop their challenge before the Supreme Court could rule underscores the strength of Alabama's legal position and the national impact of its work.

"This victory is not just for Alabama. This is a generational win for children, for families, and for reality itself. Alabama refused to be bullied. Now the rest of the country is seeing the truth. We are proud to lead that effort," Marshall said.

For more on Alabama's work in *Boe v. Marshall*, visit: <https://www.alabamaag.gov/boe-v-marshall>.