

## Tennessee Has a Choice: Stop Adding Anti-LGBTQ Legislation or Continue To Cause Harm

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USA TODAY recently predicted that 2022 could witness the most anti-LGBTQ legislation in state-level political history. Bills to restrict the rights of LGBTQ people, and even discussion of LGBTQ topics in schools are, in fact, proliferating.

In January, Chasten Buttigieg, husband of Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, excoriated Florida lawmakers for advancing their own "Don't Say Gay Bill," a version of the notorious Stacey Campfield sponsored bill to ban discussion of non-heterosexual human sexuality in public schools.