DISCRIMINATION IN CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

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- Allows agencies to discriminate against potential parents (5 states): Kansas, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia

- Allows agencies to refuse to work with potential parents and children (1 state): Michigan

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- Allows sweeping anti-LGBTQ discrimination that includes allowing agencies to refuse to work with potential parents and children and agencies can deny children services to which the agency objects, including refusing to allow transgender people access (3 states): Mississippi, South Dakota, Texas

- Discrimination is allowed by private agencies which do not receive taxpayer funds (1 state): Alabama

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