

RESOLUTION ON THE INDOCTRINATION OF CHILDREN IN SEXUAL DEVIANCY IN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Whereas, legislation recently enacted in California mandates that all children in California public schools, including kindergartners, be indoctrinated to believe that the homosexual, bisexual, and other sexually deviant lifestyles are normal, acceptable, and the moral equivalent of biblical heterosexuality;

Whereas, the Bible clearly teaches that homosexual behavior and other forms of sexual deviancy are sin (Leviticus 18:22-23, 1 Timothy 1:8-10, Romans 1:24-32, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11);

Whereas, homosexual activists and activists for other forms of sexual deviancy are using their political influence to shape the curricula and institutional rules of public schools to promote acceptance of various forms of sexual deviancy among schoolchildren as morally legitimate lifestyles because, as one pro-homosexual author has written, "Whoever captures the kids owns the future"¹;

Whereas, any school system that mandates indoctrinating schoolchildren into accepting any form of sexually deviant behavior is a clear and present danger to all of its children and is violating the community's trust;

Whereas, Christian parents must not place their children under false teaching and must remember the warnings of Scripture that "a student is not above his teacher, but when he is fully trained, he will be like his teacher" (Luke 6:40; Matthew 5:19);

Whereas, just as Southern Baptist organizations have terminated support for universities that promote acceptance of homosexual behavior as a legitimate lifestyle to 18 to 22 year-olds, Baptists cannot countenance educating children in k-12 schools that promote acceptance of homosexual behavior and other forms of sexual deviancy;

¹ Patricia Nell Warren, "Future Shock", *The Advocate*, October 3, 1995, p.80, as quoted by Paul E. Rondeau, "Selling Homosexuality to America", *Regent University Law Review*, Vol. 14, No. 2, Spring 2002, at p. 470.

Whereas, there are approximately 2,000 Southern Baptist churches in California;

Whereas, with encouragement and support by Southern Baptist agencies each of those churches could provide or help support some form of Christian education alternative to California's public schools;

Whereas, most California parents and pastors are not aware of the content and true significance of the new legislation mandating that schoolchildren be indoctrinated by the California public school system to accept various forms of sexual deviancy;

Whereas, Christians have a duty to expose works of darkness (Ephesians 5:11);

Whereas, the moral collapse of California's public school system provides an excellent opportunity for education evangelism;

Whereas, there are relatively inexpensive, educationally effective ways churches can provide or support Christian education alternatives to California's public school system; and

Whereas, unless effectively opposed, the sexually degenerate policies of the California public school system are likely to spread to additional states;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention urges California parents to withdraw their children from California public schools *at least until* Senate Bill 777 and all other legislation mandating that schoolchildren be indoctrinated to accept various forms of sexual deviancy as normal or acceptable are completely repealed;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention encourages all Southern Baptist churches to work vigorously as a missional effort to encourage and support the expansion in California of (1) Christian schools, (2) homeschooling and homeschool co-ops, and (3) alternative models for providing Christian education such as University Model Schools and Christian One Room Schoolhouses, giving particular regard to the needs of children from low income and single parent families;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention encourages all Southern Baptist agencies to communicate *repeatedly* with California parents, pastors, and Christian California school employees about: (1) what has been done to California's public schools by SB 777 and its related legislation, (2) what that legislation means for California's children, families, churches, and culture, and (3) what Christian educational alternatives are available; and,

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention urges Baptists to pray for the deliverance of all homosexuals and other sexual deviants from their sexual sin and for their salvation.