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Text of Saskatchewan pronoun bill suggests that the government expects significant harm to students – and removes the right of families to sue

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SASKATOON – The text of Premier Scott Moe's unprecedented bill that forces young people in Saskatchewan to come out against their wishes contains a particularly disturbing detail: it not only anticipates harm to students but also prohibits lawsuits against the provincial government for harm inflicted.

Bill 137 – An Act to amend *The Education Act* contains the provision:

No action or proceeding based on any claim for loss or damage resulting from the enactment or implementation of this section or of a regulation or policy related to this section lies or shall be commenced against [the government].

"The inclusion of this clause in Moe's anti-LGBTQ2S+ legislation means that families will lose the right to sue when this policy results in damage to a student's physical or mental wellbeing. If Premier Moe's law denying students a safe school environment results in an increase in suicides, which experts have warned, families will have no recourse", said Helen Kennedy, Egale's Executive Director.

"Scott Moe is not ignoring the harm that this law will cause to vulnerable students and their families. It seems that harm and cruelty is the point."

Representatives from Egale Canada are available for further comment on this matter. To schedule an interview please email: media@egale.ca.

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