

Virginia Delegate Elizabeth Guzman plans to introduce a bill expanding the state’s definition of child abuse and neglect to include parents who do not affirm their child’s gender identity; A parent reportedly could face a police investigation, a Child Protective Services charge, or even a felony:

- **GUZMAN:** “This is how we gonna push back.”
  - **REPORTER:** “Her bill would expand the state’s definition of child abuse and neglect to include parents who do not affirm their child’s gender identity or sexual orientation.”
  - **GUZMAN:** “There is an investigation also in place that is not only, you know, from a social worker but there also police investigation before we make the decisions that there’s going to be a CPS [Child Protective Services] charge.”
  - **REPORTER:** “What could the penalties be if, you know, the investigation concludes and has concluded that a parent is not affirming of their LGBTQ child? What could the consequences be?”
  - **GUZMAN:** “Well, we first have to have an investigation. You know, it could be a felony, it could be a misdemeanor. But we know the CPS charge could harm, you know, your employment. It could harm your education....”
  - **ANCHOR:** “Delegate Guzman tells 7 News that she is hoping to pass the bill in the upcoming legislative session.” (Nick Minock, ABC 7, 7Staff News, [WJLA](#), 10/13/22) ([NRCC YouTube Full Clip](#)) ([NRCC YouTube Trimmed Clip](#))
- **HEADLINE:** “Va. Parents could face abuse charges for not affirming their LGBTQ child under new bill.”



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(Jennifer Wexton Facebook, 08/20/22)

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- In May 2022, Jennifer Wexton received \$250 from Elizabeth Guzman.

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(Federal Election Commission, 05/31/22)

**Jennifer Wexton’s campaign was endorsed by Elizabeth Guzman:**

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State Delegate Elizabeth Guzman

(Endorsements, Jennifer Wexton For Congress, 11/30/21) ([Wayback Machine](#))

**Elizabeth Guzman was the former Virginia co-chair for Bernie Sander’s presidential campaign:**

- Elizabeth Guzman was the former Virginia co-chair for Bernie Sander’s presidential campaign. “Virginia House of Delegates Member Elizabeth Guzmán, who formerly served as co-chair of Senator Bernie Sanders’ campaign in Virginia, and Delegate Jennifer Carroll Foy released the following statements endorsing Joe Biden for President...” ([Blue Virginia](#), 04/10/20)