

U.S. Supreme Court won’t stop states from blocking Title IX changes

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The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday rejected efforts by the Biden administration to temporarily put on hold a federal court’s decision that blocks a central part of new Title IX rules for schools from going into effect.

The order by the justices allows a decision made by Chief Judge Danny Reeves of the U.S. District Court in Eastern Kentucky to block the rules to remain in place for now. Reeves had sided with Kentucky Attorney General Russell Coleman

and five other Republican attorneys general in a lawsuit challenging the new Title IX rules, which aim to protect transgender students.

A federal appeals court last month also declined to put on hold Reeves’ decision, and that court is hearing an appeal of Reeves’ decision in October.

“The Court expects that the Courts of Appeals will render their decisions with appropriate dispatch,” the majority of justices wrote.

The order also agreed to leave in place another federal court decision blocking the new Title IX

rules brought separately by the Louisiana attorney general and three other Republican attorneys general.

Coleman in a statement on the order said the Republican attorneys general were defending “equal opportunities for Kentucky’s women and young girls” at the country’s highest court.

“The Biden-Harris Administration is threatening to rip away 50 years of Title IX protections. Together with our colleagues in Tennessee and four other states, we are fighting to uphold the promise of Title IX for generations to come,”

Coleman said.

Title IX deals with sex-based discrimination at any school that receives federal funding.

U.S. Secretary of Education Miquel Cardona previously said in a statement the new Title IX rules would have built “on the legacy of Title IX by clarifying that all our nation’s students can access schools that are safe, welcoming, and respect their rights.”

The rules, which would have went into effect Aug. 1, sought to roll back Trump administration changes that narrowly defined sexual harassment and directed

schools to conduct live hearings, allowing those who were accused of sexual harassment or assault to cross-examine their accusers.

Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia joined Kentucky challenging the administration’s order.

Reeves’ opinion said the states represented in the lawsuit argued that the Title IX rules would “invalidate scores of States’ and schools’ sex-separated sports policies.” The Kentucky General Assembly passed such a law in 2022 to require athletes in schools to play on teams

associated with their biological sex

A sponsor of that law, Sen. Robby Mills, R-Henderson, applauded the U.S. Supreme Court order in a Friday statement, which he said “directly condemns the woke ideology promoted by the U.S. Department of Education and the Biden-Harris administration.” Henderson thanked Coleman for defending the law.

“Wokeism and gender ideology must never trump Kentucky values and the U.S. Constitution,” Mills said.

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Seminar

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According to Kendrick, the doctor eventually tired of Parker’s attempts to escape through neighboring swamplands and began considering selling him.

Once he caught wind that he was to be sold, Parker began asking folks he knew to buy him so that he may eventually buy back his freedom.

Parker was afraid he would be sold to work in the cotton fields.

A 16 year old Parker convinced a widow named Mrs. Rider to buy him, the speakers said.

Rider allowed Parker to keep any money that was over and above what the foundry paid him.

A short 18 months later, Parker bought his freedom.

Kendrick said Parker moved to Indiana before moving to Cincinnati and moving in with a barber who was from Maysville.

The barber asked Parker to help him free two young sisters from slavery. After some back and forth, Parker finally agreed to help, the speakers said.

Once Parker experienced helping these women escape to their freedom he decided he wanted to continue to help others like them, explained Kendrick.

Parker eventually moved onto Ripley, Ohio and continued to help enslaved folks move on from the area of their enslavement and onto the next step in their freedom journey, Kendrick said.

Parker and his wife, Miranda Bolden, had seven children who all graduated from college with the exception of one of their children who passed away before he could finish his education.

Parker was involved in around 30 businesses in his life and developed several inventions.

According to Kendrick, someone took credit for one of Parker’s inventions and three others were patented.

Kendrick said Parker was known all over the Eastern Seaboard for his inventions.

There are no known photographs of John P. Parker.

The John P. Parker Historical Society is taking steps toward becoming designated as a unit of the national park system through the National Park Service.

To help the John P. Parker Historical Society in their mission, go to <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/parker-housesrs>.

The John P. Parker house is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.



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Happy Hooks and Addy’s Treats & Tees (top left), Teagan with Creativity Club (top right), Tanner’s Slime (middle left), Kinley’s Kreations (middle right) and Snowy Turtle Shaved Ice (bottom)

Bash

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and opening of Two Sisters, I wanted to provide an opportunity for other young entrepreneurs to showcase their talents,” said Kirk.

The Back to School Bash is one way that Kirk and her daughters have chosen to help young entrepreneurs gain some traction in the area.

“We are excited to have these five young entrepreneurs at our First Annual Back to School Bash,” said Kennadi Kirk.

Kyleigh Kirk added to her statement.

“The talent they have is amazing,” said Kyleigh Kirk.

Young entrepreneurs who set up for the bash included Kinley’s Kreations, Creativity Club Build-A-Plush, Tanner’s Slime, Happy Hooks Crochet and Addy’s Treats and Tees.

Ellen Clarke is a ninth grader who operates a crochet business she calls Happy Hooks. Clarke had several crochet animals such as bears and dinosaurs.

She said she can also take orders.

11 year old Addy Zeigler had some handmade treats and tshirts for sale.

She calls her business Addy’s Treats & Tees

and enjoys taking special orders as well.

Teagan with the Creativity Club was set up selling build-a-plush bears.

For \$25, folks could purchase a bear, stuff it, and customize it’s little black hoodie.

Although it was her first event, she thought they may have fun setting up to sell again.

Eight year old Tanner had a booth set up with his handmade slime.

Although Tanner’s favorite is fluffy slime, he had all different arrays of slime for folks to choose from.

Kinley Rushmeyer had her booth, Kinley’s Kreations set up selling bracelets and air fresh-

eners.

Kinley said she is happy to make custom bracelets and was making some during the event.

Also included in the event was a booth set up offering hair tinseling and Snowy Turtle Shaved Ice.

Two Sisters Boutique LLC commemorated their first annual Back to School Bash with savings on kids clothing, backpacks and lunchboxes and teacher shirts.

A 10 percent discount was also provided for school staff.

“Overall we just kinda wanted to do something for the community,” said Kirk.

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Scramble

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The event was blessed by Doyle’s father-in-law before the golf carts took off.

Before he prayed for the event he said that he and his family “really appreciate all the support that you’ve given us throughout these difficult days.”

Routt’s mother, Nich-

ole Routt, stated that representatives of Kenton Station Golf Course had mentioned they had never done an afternoon session as well as a morning session but so many people wanted to participate that they made the afternoon session an option.

“We knew that they would support but we were in shock that it was as big as it is,” said Nichole Routt.

She displayed emotion as she thought about all the hard work that has been put into the event and stated that her son put the event together in about a month.

“I’m just in awe,” stated Nichole Routt. “He’s my normally scatterbrained, can’t sit still kid and he has done honestly probably 90 percent of this.”

Prizes were allotted for the longest drive, the closest to the pin and the

longest putt.

According to Routt, there was a six way tie for second place and a two way tie for first.

After the prize money was handed out, all of the teams that won donated the money back instead of keeping it.

Routt said that he was proud of the community and other people and businesses who came together to make the event a success.



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