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California Attorney General Rob Bonta fields questions during a news conference on Aug. 28, 2023, in Los Angeles.

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RenÃ©e C. Byer

Sonja Shaw, president of Chino Valley Unified School District, speaks at the state Capitol in Sacramento, Calif., on Aug. 14, 2023.

Sonja Shaw, the president of the Chino Valley Unified school board, propelled the first parental notification policy about gender identity in California.

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Jake Lee Green

Unified School District Board clerk Andrew Cruz reads from "Gender Queer" after the board voted on July 20, 2023 to pass a policy that would force teachers to out their trans and gay students to their parents. Board president Sonja Shaw looks on.

Chino Valley Unified board member Andrew Cruz reads from "Gender Queer" after the board voted July 20 to pass a policy that would require teachers to out transgender students to their parents.

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