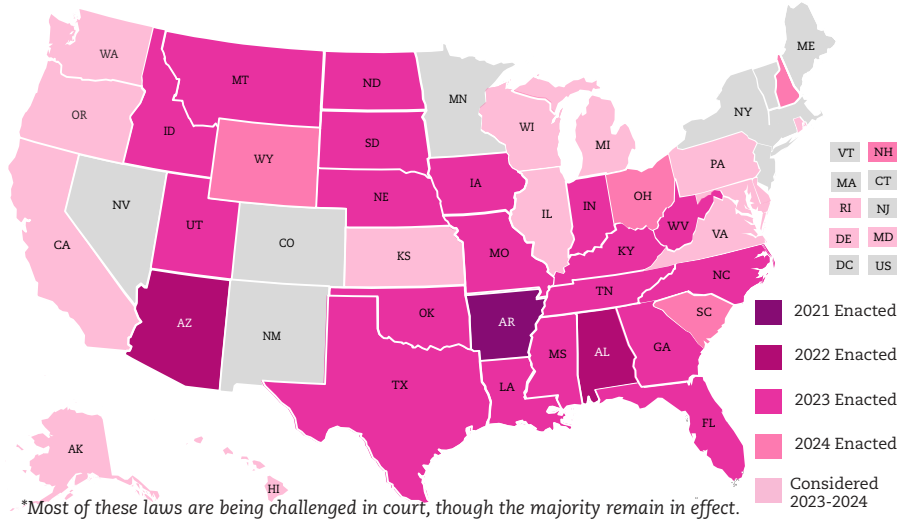


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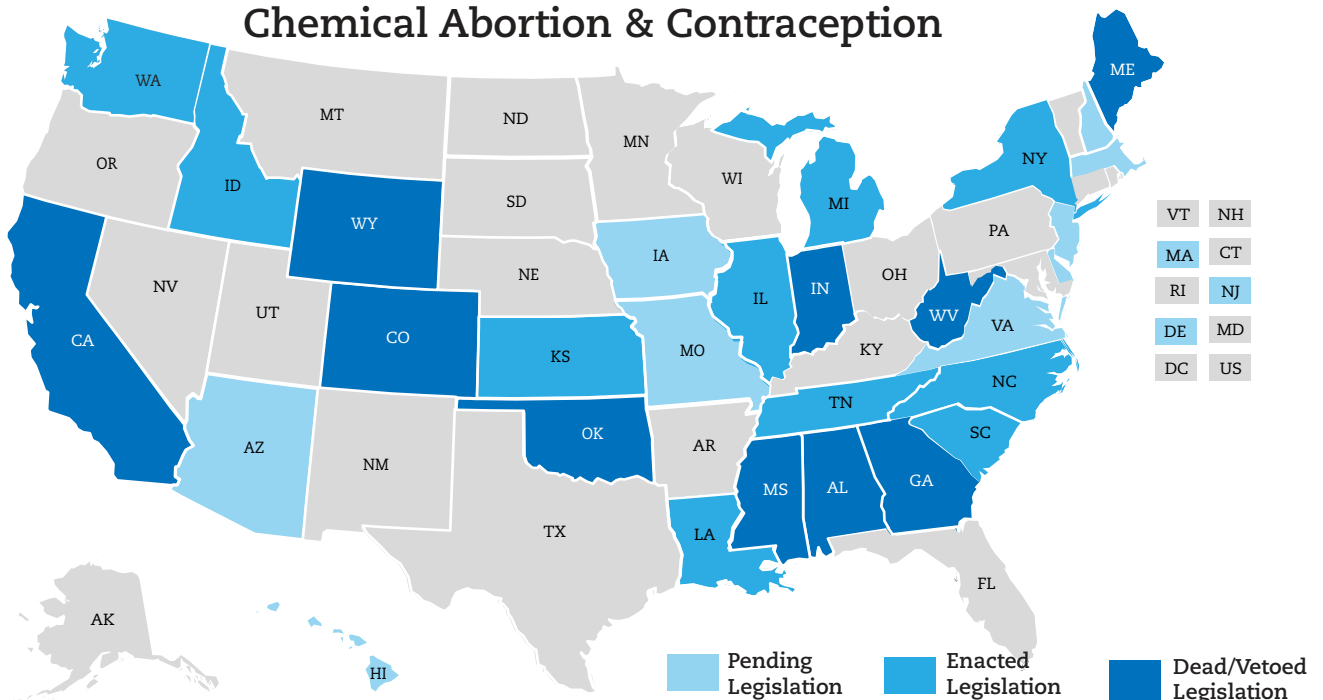
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Gender Affirming Care Bans

Last year's gender affirming care wave contributed to the slowdown of enactments this year and can be attributed to the fact that most conservative states have already implemented such measures. Additionally, there is a shift towards prioritizing LGBTQ+ issues in education. However, some moderate states have still enacted or considered bans. Recent [statements](#) from the Biden administration opposing such care could prompt moderate and liberal-leaning states to take a stronger stance next session.

Abortion restrictions continued to dominate women's health legislation, with a focus on abortion medication. Conservative legislators aimed to ban mailing, purchasing or using drugs like mifepristone and restricted who can prescribe them. [Kansas](#) enacted, and other states introduced, bills requiring medical professionals to counsel on abortion pill reversal, despite lacking [scientific consensus](#). [Louisiana](#) classified mifepristone and misoprostol as Schedule IV controlled substances, making possession without a prescription punishable by imprisonment and fines. In response, some pro-choice legislators pushed for easier access to contraception, with [Idaho](#) and [Tennessee](#) requiring insurance to cover extended supplies. The legislative battle over reproductive healthcare is expected to continue into next session.

Chemical Abortion & Contraception



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