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Signs calling for justice for nonbinary teenager Nex Benedict stand in front of the Oklahoma State Capitol before a rally honoring the student's memory on March 14. Benedict, 16, died by suicide Feb. 8 after reporting bullying. (Photo by Nuria Martinez-Keel/Oklahoma Voice)

As Oklahoma reels from at least two recent suicides of teenagers whose parents said they had been bullied – including nonbinary teen Nex Benedict – the state’s Republican leaders are finally saying it’s time to do more.

State Attorney General Gentner Drummond is pressing for stronger anti-bullying protections following two teen suicides that were apparently related to bullying.

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