

BILL SUMMARY
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Impact:	Potential District-level; No State Impact

Research Analysis

The floor substitute (third floor amendment) for SB 615 requires public schools to designate restrooms and changing facilities for the exclusive use of the male sex and the exclusive use of the female sex. Individuals in public schools must use the restroom that corresponds with their biological sex or single-use restrooms, if available. The term "biological sex" is defined to mean the physical condition of being male or female, as identified at birth by the individual's birth certificate. Each district board of education must adopt a policy to provide disciplinary action for individuals who refuse to comply. If a school district is noncompliant, they will receive a 5 percent decrease in funding for the next fiscal year.

Further, the floor substitute requires any materials used for discussing sexual behavior in a school counselor-led meeting/or course, or any materials related to sexual orientation and gender identity used for any other purpose in a school, to be available through a superintendent, or a designee, for parental inspection.

Any curriculum used in a school counselor-led meeting or course shall include information about consent shall inform students about abstinence. School districts are prohibited from requiring students to participate in a counselor-led meeting or course, or any instruction which discusses sexual behavior or sexual orientation and gender identity if the parent has objected in writing. Superintendents are required to approve all curriculum about sexual orientation or gender identity to be used for a counselor-led meeting or course.

The superintendent is required provide written notification to the parents that informs them of their right to inspect any such curriculum, and their obligation to inform the school if they do not want their child to participate in such instruction. The written notification from the superintendent to the parents must include a link to the audio-visual or written curriculum, or information on how and where to view a hard copy of the curriculum.

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Fiscal Analysis

As written, the measure is not anticipated to result in a negative fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

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