

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 615 requires each public school and public charter school that serves students in prekindergarten through twelfth grades to require every multiple occupancy restroom or changing room to be designated for the exclusive use of the male sex or the female sex. It defines “sex” as the physical condition of being male or female based on genetics and physiology, as identified on an individual’s original birth certificate. It requires each public school and charter school to provide a reasonable accommodation to an individual who does not wish to comply with the requirement, and it states that a reasonable accommodation is a single-occupancy restroom or changing area. The measure provides exceptions for individuals to enter a restroom or changing area designated for the opposite sex for custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes or to render emergency medical assistance. It requires school district boards of education and public charter school governing boards to adopt a policy to provide disciplinary action for individuals to refuse to comply. The bill states that if the State Board of Education finds a school district or charter school to not be in compliance with the bill’s provisions for restroom and changing area designations and reasonable accommodations, then the school district or charter school’s state funding will be reduced by 5 percent the following fiscal year. It also provides a cause of action for a parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in and physically attending the school district or charter school.

CCR Changes

The Conference Committee Report for SB 615 substitutes all engrossed language.

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