

**Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: SB561

Patron: Reeves

Bill Title: Public schools; bathrooms, changing facilities, and other facilities located in public schools; reasonable accommodation based on biological sex required; civil cause of action.

Bill Summary: Requires any public school to, to the extent practicable, provide reasonable accommodation, as defined by the bill, to any student, teacher, or other employee of such public school who (i) desires greater privacy when using a multi-occupancy bathroom or changing facility located within a public school building that is designated for such student's, teacher's, or employee's sex, as defined by the bill, or when using multi-occupancy sleeping quarters while attending a public school-sponsored activity that are designated for such student's, teacher's, or employee's sex and (ii) provides a written request for reasonable accommodation to the school principal or, in the case of a student who is younger than 18 years of age, has his parent provide such written request to the school principal. The bill requires a school principal, upon receiving a written request for reasonable accommodation, to evaluate the request and, to the extent practicable, provide reasonable accommodation. The bill also requires such school principal to issue a written decision approving or denying the request for reasonable accommodation and, if denying the request, state the grounds for such denial in the written decision. The bill also provides an opportunity for any student, teacher, or employee whose written request for reasonable accommodation is denied by a school principal to appeal the denial to the school board or an impartial hearing officer in accordance with the procedures set forth in the bill. Finally, the bill creates a civil cause of action for any student, teacher, or employee who (1) as a result of the school or school board intentionally allowing a member of the opposite sex to enter a multi-occupancy bathroom or changing facility designated for such student's, employee's, or teacher's biological sex while other persons are present, encounters a member of the opposite sex while in such bathroom or facility or (2) is required by the public school to share sleeping quarters during a school-sponsored activity with a member of the opposite sex, unless such member of the opposite sex is a family member.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from the provisions of this bill. Any impact on local school divisions is indeterminate.

Fiscal Summary: The provisions of this bill place requirements on local school divisions and employees. Therefore, there is no anticipated state fiscal impact. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

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Other: None.