

SENATE BILL NO. 974

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR FITZWATER.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 171, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the physical privacy of students.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 171, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 171.425, to read as
3 follows:

171.425. 1. For the purposes of this section, the
2 following terms shall mean:

3 (1) "Biological sex", the physical condition of being
4 male or female, identified at birth by a person's anatomy
5 and indicated on their birth certificate;

6 (2) "Public school", the same as defined in section
7 160.011.

8 2. In every public school setting in which a student
9 may be in a state of undress in the presence of other
10 students, school personnel shall provide separate, distinct
11 areas designated for use by students based on their
12 biological sex to ensure the personal privacy and safety of
13 students.

14 3. Every public school shower room, locker room, and
15 restroom designated for student use and which is accessible
16 by multiple students at the same time shall be designated
17 for and used only by students of the same biological sex.
18 At no time shall a student be allowed to access a public

19 school shower room, locker room, or restroom designated for
20 use by the opposite biological sex.

21 4. (1) A student who asserts to school officials that
22 his or her gender is different from his or her biological
23 sex may be provided with alternative shower room, locker
24 room, or restroom accommodations, provided that a parent or
25 legal guardian of a minor child who makes such assertion
26 shall provide written consent to use of such alternative
27 accommodations. Such accommodations shall not include the
28 use of student shower rooms, locker rooms, or restrooms
29 designated for use by students of the opposite biological
30 sex.

31 (2) Acceptable accommodations may include but are not
32 limited to controlled use of faculty shower rooms, locker
33 rooms, or restrooms, or access to single-stall restrooms and
34 unisex bathrooms.

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