

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 1558

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HENDERSON.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to private school immunity from civil liability for certain actions, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto

2 one new section, to be known as section 160.231, to read as  
3 follows:

**160.231. 1. As used in this section, the following**

2 **terms mean:**

3 (1) **"Multiple-occupancy restroom or changing area"**, an  
4 area in a private school building designed or designated to  
5 be used by more than one individual at a time and where  
6 individuals may be in various stages of undress in the  
7 presence of other individuals. The term includes, but is  
8 not limited to, a school restroom, locker room, changing  
9 room, or shower room;

10 (2) **"Sex"**, the physical condition of being male or  
11 female based on genetics and physiology as identified on the  
12 individual's original birth certificate.

13 2. A private school that serves students in  
14 prekindergarten to grade twelve may establish, to ensure  
15 privacy and safety, one or more multiple-occupancy restrooms  
16 or changing areas designated as follows:

17 (1) For the exclusive use of the male sex; or

(2) For the exclusive use of the female sex.

19       3. The provisions of this section shall not apply to  
20 individuals entering a multiple-occupancy restroom or  
21 changing area designated for use by the opposite sex when  
22 entering:

(1) For custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes;

(2) To render emergency medical assistance; or

(3) As a parent or guardian accompanying their child, who is eight years of age or younger, with the permission of the school.

28           4. (1) No political subdivision shall adopt any  
29 ordinance, rule, or regulation prohibiting a private school  
30 from establishing one or more multiple-occupancy restrooms  
31 or changing areas as provided in this section.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to  
2 protect private schools from liability and allow preparation  
3 for the 2026-27 school year, section A of this act is deemed  
4 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
5 health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared  
6 to be an emergency act within the meaning of the  
7 constitution, and section A of this act shall be in full  
8 force and effect upon its passage and approval.

A black checkmark indicating a correct answer.