

ASSEMBLY, No. 2224

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

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District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)

SYNOPSIS

Permits a student to participate in sex-segregated school activities and use facilities consistent with the student's gender identity.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning student gender identity and supplementing
2 chapter 36 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. A pupil in a public school shall be permitted to participate in
8 sex-segregated school programs and activities, including athletic
9 teams and competitions, and use facilities consistent with the
10 pupil's gender identity, irrespective of the gender listed on the
11 pupil's records.

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13 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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16 STATEMENT

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18 Current law, section 1 of P.L.1973, c.380 (C.18A:36-20),
19 prohibits a public school from discriminating against a student on
20 the basis of certain specified characteristics, including sex. In
21 addition, the New Jersey "Law Against Discrimination," at section
22 4 of P.L.1945, c.169 (C.10:5-4), provides that all persons shall have
23 the opportunity "to obtain all the accommodations, advantages,
24 facilities, and privileges of any place of public accommodation,"
25 including public schools, without discrimination on the basis of
26 specified characteristics, including sex, sexual orientation, and
27 gender identity or expression.

28 This bill requires that a student in a public school be permitted to
29 participate in sex-segregated school programs and activities,
30 including athletic teams and competitions, and use facilities
31 consistent with the student's gender identity, irrespective of the
32 gender listed on the student's records.