

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 712, Page 1, Section A, Line 4, by
2 inserting after all of said section and line the following:
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4 "160.231. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

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

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

11 2. A private school that serves students in prekindergarten to grade twelve shall not be
12 civilly liable for establishing, to ensure privacy and safety, one or more multiple-occupancy
13 restrooms or changing areas designated as follows:

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

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

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

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

19 (2) To render emergency medical assistance; or

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

22 4. (1) No political subdivision shall adopt any ordinance, rule, or regulation prohibiting a
23 private school from establishing one or more multiple-occupancy restrooms or changing areas as
24 provided in this section.

25 (2) If a political subdivision adopts an ordinance, rule, or regulation in violation of
26 subdivision (1) of this subsection, such political subdivision shall pay the attorney's fees and costs
27 incurred by a private school in such private school's legal defense against such ordinance, rule, or
28 regulation."; and
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Action Taken _____ Date _____

1 Further amend said bill, Page 18, Section 173.232, Line 117, by inserting after all of said section
2 and line the following:

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4 "Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to protect private schools from liability
5 and allow preparation for the 2025-26 school year, the enactment of section 160.231 of this act is
6 deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety,
7 and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section
8 160.231 of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval."; and

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10 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
11 accordingly.