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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to definitions and general
8 provisions; defining terms; requiring certain
9 changing rooms and restrooms to be designated for the
10 exclusive use of the male or female sex; prohibiting
11 certain individuals from entering a changing room or
12 restroom; directing certain entities to take certain
13 reasonable steps; providing certain exceptions;
14 prohibiting a student from being required to share
15 sleeping quarters; providing exceptions; directing
16 certain personnel to provide certain separate areas
17 under certain circumstances; requiring certain
18 institutions of higher education to provide certain
19 housing option; providing certain construction;
20 providing a cause of action for certain
circumstances; amending Section 1, Chapter 323,
O.S.L. 2022, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 283,
O.S.L. 2023 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1-125),
which relates to use of school district restrooms and
changing areas; modifying definition; defining terms;
requiring sleeping quarters to be designated in
certain manner; prohibiting a student from being
required to share sleeping quarters under certain
circumstances; providing exceptions; directing public
schools and charter schools to provide certain
designated areas; updating statutory language;
providing for codification; providing an effective
date; and declaring an emergency.

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1750 of Title 25, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. As used in this section:

5 1. "Changing area" means an area in which a person may be in
6 various stages of undress in the presence of other individuals. The
7 term may include, but is not limited to, a locker room or shower
8 room;

9 2. "Coach" means a person employed by a postsecondary
10 institution who is involved in the teaching or training of students
11 participating in a postsecondary institution-sponsored athletic
12 activity;

13 3. "Covered entity" means:

14 a. a postsecondary institution,
15 b. a political subdivision in this state, and
16 c. a domestic violence shelter that is state operated or
17 state funded and provides services including food,
18 housing, counseling, and assistance to victims of
19 domestic violence or abuse and their minor dependent
20 children in this state;

21 4. "Female" shall have the same meaning as provided for in
22 Section 16 of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

23 5. "Male" shall have the same meaning as provided for in
24 Section 16 of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

1 6. "Multiple occupancy" means an area designed to be used by
2 more than one individual at a time;

3 7. "Postsecondary institution" means an institution of higher
4 education within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or a
5 technology center school district operating under the authority of
6 the State Board of Career and Technology Education;

7 8. "Postsecondary institution-sponsored athletic activity"
8 means a sporting event that is supported by and affiliated with a
9 postsecondary institution such as practices, games, matches, and
10 tournaments;

11 9. "Restroom" means a room that includes one or more toilets or
12 urinals;

13 10. "Sex" shall have the same meaning as provided for in
14 Section 16 of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

15 11. "Sleeping quarters" means a room containing a bed and in
16 which more than one individual is housed overnight.

17 B. Each multiple occupancy changing room and restroom in a
18 covered entity shall be designated for the exclusive use of the male
19 sex or the exclusive use of the female sex. No individual shall
20 enter a changing room or restroom in a covered entity unless it
21 corresponds to the individual's sex.

22 C. Covered entities shall take reasonable steps to provide
23 individuals with privacy in changing areas, restrooms, and sleeping
24 quarters from individuals of the opposite sex.

1 D. The provisions of this section shall not apply to an
2 individual who enters a changing area, restroom, or sleeping
3 quarters designated for the opposite sex in any of the following
4 circumstances, provided that the changing area, restroom, or
5 sleeping quarters is not in use:

6 1. For custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes;

7 2. To render medical assistance;

8 3. To render assistance by law enforcement;

9 4. To provide services or render aid during a natural disaster,
10 a declared emergency, or when necessary to prevent a serious threat
11 to good order or safety; or

12 5. If a suitable meeting room or area is not available, a coach
13 may enter a changing area or sleeping quarters before, during, or
14 after a postsecondary institution-sponsored athletic activity,
15 provided:

16 a. all students present are fully clothed,

17 b. the coach shall be accompanied by at least one
18 additional adult at all times, and

19 c. if the coach is the opposite sex of the students
20 present, the coach shall be accompanied by at least
21 one adult of the same sex as the students present.

22 The accompanying adult shall not be a student.

23 E. 1. During any activity or event authorized by a
24 postsecondary institution during which students share sleeping

1 quarters, no student shall be required to share sleeping quarters
2 with an individual of the opposite sex unless such person is a
3 member of the same family, such as a parent, legal guardian,
4 sibling, or grandparent.

5 2. In any other setting or facility on the campus of a
6 postsecondary institution where an individual may be in a state of
7 undress in the presence of others, postsecondary institution
8 personnel shall provide separate, private areas designated for use
9 by persons based on their sex. Except as provided in subsection D
10 of this section, no individual shall enter such setting or facility
11 unless he or she is a member of the same sex.

12 F. An institution of higher education within The Oklahoma State
13 System of Higher Education that offers housing for students shall
14 provide the option to be housed only with persons of the same sex.

15 G. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a
16 covered entity from:

17 1. Adopting policies necessary to accommodate persons protected
18 under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, young children in
19 need of assistance, or elderly persons requiring aid;

20 2. Establishing restrooms, changing areas, or sleeping quarters
21 for single occupancy or family use; or

22 3. Redesignating a multiple occupancy restroom, changing room,
23 or sleeping quarters designated for the exclusive use of one sex to
24 the exclusive use of the opposite sex.

1 H. 1. An individual who accesses a covered entity's restroom
2 or changing area designated for the exclusive use of the
3 individual's sex and encounters an individual of the opposite sex
4 shall have a cause of action against the covered entity if the
5 covered entity:

- 6 a. provided the individual of the opposite sex permission
7 to use the restroom or changing area, or
- 8 b. failed to take reasonable steps to prohibit the
9 individual of the opposite sex from using the restroom
10 or changing area.

11 2. Except as provided for in paragraph 1 of subsection E of
12 this section, an individual who is required by a covered entity to
13 share sleeping quarters with an individual of the opposite sex shall
14 have a cause of action against the covered entity.

15 3. Any cause of action brought pursuant to the provisions of
16 this subsection shall be initiated within two (2) years of the
17 incident occurring.

18 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 323, O.S.L.
19 2022, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 283, O.S.L. 2023 (70 O.S.
20 Supp. 2025, Section 1-125), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 1-125. A. As used in this section:

22 1. "Female" shall have the same meaning as provided for in
23 Section 16 of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

1 2. "Male" shall have the same meaning as provided for in

2 Section 16 of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3 3. "Sex" means the physical condition of being male or female
4 based on genetics and physiology, as identified on the individual's
5 original birth certificate has the same meaning provided for in
6 Section 16 of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

7 2. 4. "Multiple occupancy restroom or changing area" means an
8 area in a public school or public charter school building designed
9 or designated to be used by more than one individual at a time,
10 where individuals may be in various stages of undress in the
11 presence of other individuals. The term may include, but is not
12 limited to, a school restroom, locker room, changing room, or shower
13 room;

14 3. 5. "Coach" means a person employed by a public school
15 district or public charter school who is involved in the teaching or
16 training of students participating in a school-sponsored athletic
17 activity; and

18 4. 6. "School-sponsored athletic activity" means a sporting
19 event that is supported by and affiliated with the school such as
20 practices, games, matches, and tournaments; and

21 7. "Sleeping quarters" means a room containing a bed and in
22 which more than one individual is housed overnight.

23 B. To ensure privacy and safety, each public school and public
24 charter school that serves students in prekindergarten through

1 twelfth grades in this state shall require every multiple occupancy
2 restroom ~~or,~~ changing area, and sleeping quarters designated as
3 follows:

- 4 1. For the exclusive use of the male sex; or
- 5 2. For the exclusive use of the female sex.

6 C. Each public school or public charter school in this state
7 shall provide a reasonable accommodation to any individual who does
8 not wish to comply with the provisions of subsection B of this
9 section. A reasonable accommodation shall be access to a single-
10 occupancy restroom ~~or,~~ changing room, or sleeping quarters.

11 D. 1. During any activity or event authorized by a public
12 school or public charter school where students share sleeping
13 quarters, no student shall be required to share sleeping quarters
14 with a member of the opposite sex unless such person or persons are
15 members of the same family, such as a parent, legal guardian,
16 sibling, or grandparent.

17 2. In any other facility or setting in a public school or
18 public charter school where a person may be in a state of undress in
19 the presence of others, public school and public charter school
20 personnel shall provide separate, private areas designated for use
21 by persons based on their sex. Except as provided for in subsection
22 E of this section, no person shall enter such private areas unless
23 he or she is a member of the sex allowed to use such private areas.

1 E. The provisions of this section shall not apply to
2 individuals entering a multiple occupancy restroom ~~or~~, changing
3 area, or sleeping quarters designated for use by the opposite sex
4 when entering in any of the following circumstances:

- 5 1. For custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes;
- 6 2. To render emergency medical assistance; ~~or~~
- 7 3. To provide services or render aid during a natural disaster,
8 a declared emergency, or when necessary to prevent a serious threat
9 to good order or safety; or

10 4. If a suitable meeting room or area is not available, a coach
11 may enter a locker room before, during, or after a school-sponsored
12 athletic activity, provided:

- 13 a. all students present are fully clothed,
- 14 b. the coach shall be accompanied by at least one
15 additional adult at all times, and
- 16 c. if the coach is the opposite sex of the students
17 present, the coach shall be accompanied by at least
18 one adult of the same sex as the students present.

19 The adult shall not be a current high school student.

20 E. F. 1. Each school district board of education and public
21 charter school governing board shall adopt a policy to provide
22 disciplinary action for individuals who refuse to comply with the
23 provisions of this section.

1 2. No school district board of education or charter school
2 governing board shall adopt a policy contrary to the provisions of
3 this section.

4 F. G. Upon a finding of noncompliance with the provisions of
5 subsections B, C, and D, and E of this section by the State Board of
6 Education, the noncompliant school district or public charter school
7 shall receive a five percent (5%) decrease in state funding for the
8 school district or public charter school for the fiscal year
9 following the year of noncompliance.

10 G. H. A parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in and
11 physically attending a public school district or public charter
12 school shall have a cause of action against the public school
13 district or public charter school for noncompliance with the
14 provisions of subsections B, C, and D, and E of this section.

15 H. I. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to
16 implement the provisions of this section.

17 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

18 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
19 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
20 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
21 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.