



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	15-2643/1	Introduction Number	AB-0469	Estimate Type	Corrected
<b>Description</b> Use of changing rooms by pupils					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires a school board to designate each pupil restroom and changing room (together, changing room) located in a public school building and accessible by multiple pupils as for the exclusive use of pupils of only one sex. The bill defines "sex" as the physical condition of being male or female, as determined by an individual's chromosomes and identified at birth by that individual's anatomy. The bill prohibits a member of the female sex from using a changing room that has been designated as the male changing room and prohibits a member of the male sex from using a changing room that has been designated as the female changing room.

The bill permits a school board to temporarily designate a pupil restroom or changing room for special events. The bill requires a school board to provide reasonable accommodations to a pupil to use a single-occupancy changing room when the following conditions are met: 1) the pupil identifies as a member of the male sex but is a member of the female sex, or the pupil identifies as a member of the female sex but is a member of the male sex; and 2) the pupil or the parent or guardian of the pupil submits a written request to the school board to receive the accommodation.

The bill permits a pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian to file a written complaint regarding a violation of the requirements in the bill, and requires the school board to investigate and attempt to resolve the complaint.

Local: School districts may be expected to retrofit existing facilities to accommodate for students who identify as transgender and make use of the designated space as a single-occupancy changing room. School boards will also be permitted to temporarily establish a pupil restroom or changing room for special events. School district policies and procedures with respect to anti-harassment and accommodations for transgender individuals will have to be revised to comply with the new requirements under this bill. In addition, school boards will be expected to investigate any formal complaint in the event these accommodations are not satisfactory to the pupil or parent/guardian of the pupil, and they must attempt to resolve the complaint to the extent possible. Because the number of affected students, or the extent to which these accommodations must be made, is unknown, the local fiscal impact as a result of compliance with the provisions included in this bill is indeterminate. A school district may face costs related to legal action taken against a school district as a result of the provision included in the bill. These potential costs are indeterminate.

State: The bill would have no fiscal impact for the Department and the bill does not modify state appropriations.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications