

Floor Amendment to HB 1447

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 Statement of Findings and Purpose.

4 I. Individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy and personal safety in restrooms,
5 locker rooms, changing rooms, sleeping quarters, and other spaces where they undress, shower, or
6 sleep.

7 II. The presence of members of the opposite sex in such spaces can compromise privacy and
8 create risks of harassment, assault, embarrassment, and trauma.

9 III. Local communities, schools, and private businesses are best situated to adopt policies
10 tailored to their facilities and the needs of their populations.

11 IV. Allowing these entities to maintain reasonable policies based on sex serves the
12 compelling state interests of protecting privacy and ensuring physical safety, especially for children.

13 V. This act seeks to protect privacy, safety, and dignity in intimate spaces and requires the
14 state and all of its political subdivisions, including cities, towns, counties, school districts, and other
15 municipal entities, to adopt policies classifying sleeping quarters based on sex, defined explicitly as
16 only either male or female.

17 VI. Such entities own, operate, organize or facilitate a wide range of voluntary programs and
18 facilities, including educational trips, youth camps, recreation programs, and similar activities that
19 may include co-educational sleeping arrangements entered into knowingly and voluntarily.

20 VII. The intent of RSA 354-A:25-a, V, as inserted by this act is to protect privacy and
21 prevent compelled exposure in intimate spaces, not to prohibit voluntary arrangements freely chosen
22 by participants.

23 VIII. Certain facilities may utilize co-educational sleeping arrangements entered into
24 knowingly and voluntarily by participants.

25 IX. Nothing in this act should be construed to prohibit voluntary co-educational
26 arrangements where no individual is compelled to share intimate sleeping quarters against his or
27 her will.

28 X. Clarifying legislative intent to preserve voluntary co-educational arrangements avoids
29 unintended disruption of existing state programs while maintaining the bill's core privacy
30 protections.

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32 Amend RSA 354-A:25-a as inserted by section 3 of the bill by inserting after paragraph IV the

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1 following new paragraph:

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3 V. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the designation or use of co-
4 educational sleeping quarters or other facilities owned, leased, or operated by the state or any
5 political subdivision thereof, provided that participation in such arrangements is voluntary and not
6 compelled.