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An Act to Prohibit a School Administrative Unit from Adopting a Policy That Allows a Student to Use a Restroom Designated for Use by the Opposite Sex

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative SMITH of Palermo.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINS of Sidney, DRINKWATER of Milford, EDER of Waterboro, PAUL of Winterport, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, Senator: BRADSTREET of Kennebec.

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6501, sub-§6 is enacted to read: 2 3 6. Gender identity and sanitary facilities. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary within Title 5, chapter 337, a school administrative unit may not adopt a policy 4 5 that permits a student to use a sanitary facility according to the student's gender identity if that sanitary facility is designated for use by a sex that does not correspond to the student's 6 sex assigned at birth. 7 8 Sec. 2. Department of education to update rules. The Department of Education 9 shall update its rules as necessary to conform with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6501, subsection 6. 10 11 **SUMMARY** 12 This bill prohibits a school administrative unit from adopting a policy that permits a student to use a school restroom according to the student's gender identity if that restroom 13 14 is designated for use by a sex that does not correspond to the student's sex assigned at birth. 15 The bill also directs the Department of Education to update its rules consistent with this

16 legislation.