

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB408
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Research Analysis

PCS1 to engrossed SB 408 creates the "Women's Bill of Rights," which states its purpose as bringing clarity, certainty, and uniformity under state law in terms of how persons of both biological sexes are treated under the law. The measure provides definitions for *father, female, male, man or boy, mother, natural person, sex, woman or girl*, and *equal*. The measure provides that any policy, program, or statute that prohibits sex discrimination is to be construed to forbid unfair treatment of females or males in relation to similarly situated members of the other sex. However, this will not prohibit the state or its political subdivisions from establishing distinctions when related to an important government objective or fairness in locations and circumstances such as in detention facilities, domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, athletics and lockers rooms, and restrooms. The measure requires any political subdivision or any state agency or department that collects vital statistics to identify any natural person who is part of the collected data as either male or female.

The measure also requires that any federal funds lost or not disbursed to any affected state agency or program as the result of this act or of HB 1449 and/or violation of federal discrimination law be replaced in full by state funds or allocations.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure should not create a fiscal impact for the state.

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Other Considerations

None.