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H. R. 5275

To protect the authority of States and local governments to enact and enforce policies regarding the use of sex-segregated bathrooms and sex-segregated locker rooms of educational institutions on the basis of gender identity.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2016

Mr. MESSER (for himself, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. MASSIE, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. JORDAN, and Mr. WALKER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Prohibiting the Usur-
5 pation of Bathroom Laws through Independent Choice
6 School Act (PUBLIC School Act) of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY REGARDING SEX-**
2 **SEGREGATED BATHROOMS AND SEX-SEG-**
3 **REGATED LOCKER ROOMS OF EDUCATIONAL**
4 **INSTITUTIONS.**

5 It shall not be unlawful under any Federal law (in-
6 cluding title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972)
7 for a State, or local government of a State, to enact or
8 enforce a policy regarding the use of sex-segregated bath-
9 rooms, or sex-segregated locker rooms, of educational in-
10 stitutions on the basis of gender identity. Federal financial
11 assistance may not be reduced or denied on the basis that
12 a State, or local government of a State, enacts or enforces
13 a policy regarding the use of sex-segregated bathrooms,
14 or sex-segregated locker rooms, of an educational institu-
15 tion on the basis of gender identity.

16 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION.**

17 For purposes of this Act, the term “gender identity”
18 shall have the meaning given it in section 249 of title 18
19 of the United States Code.

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