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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Thomas

Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 22, 2023

Subject: HB 2427 – Requiring separate overnight accommodations for students of

each biological sex on school-sponsored trips.

House Bill No. 2427 (HB 2427) would require each school district board of education to adopt a policy requiring that separate sleeping accommodations be provided for students of each biological sex during any school-sponsored travel that requires an overnight stay.

The bill defines "biological sex" as the gender indicated at birth by the individual's chromosomes, hormones, or genitalia, without regard to the individual's psychological, chosen, or subjective experience of gender. The term "school district sponsored travel" is also defined as any travel that is necessary for a student to participate or compete in an activity that is sponsored or sanctioned by a school in the district, and includes any travel organized:

- By any club or other organization recognized by the school;
- Through any communication facilitated by the school, such as email; or
- Through fundraising activities conducted by district employees or on school property.

HB 2427 also provides any student who suffers retaliation or other adverse action as a result of reporting a violation of the adopted policy a cause of action against the school district. Such action must be brought within two years after the harm occurs.

If enacted, HB 2427 would become effective on July 1, 2023.