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H.B. No. 50

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of discrimination by school districts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 11.179 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.179. CERTAIN DISCRIMINATION POLICIES PROHIBITED.

(a) Except in accordance with federal law as enacted by Congress and interpreted in controlling federal case law and state law as enacted by the legislature and interpreted in controlling case law of this state, the board of trustees of a school district may not adopt or enforce a policy or other measure to protect a class of persons from discrimination to the extent that the policy or other measure regulates access to multiple-occupancy restrooms, showers, or changing facilities.

(b) Subsection (a) may be enforced only through an action instituted by the attorney general for mandamus or injunctive relief. The attorney general may recover costs and attorney's fees related to enforcing Subsection (a).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect 91 days after the last day of the legislative session.