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S.B. No. 84

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the definition and use of the terms "male" and "female"
3 for purposes of certain government documents.

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

5 SECTION 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that:

6 (1) males and females possess unique immutable
7 biological differences that manifest prior to birth and increase as
8 individuals age and experience puberty;

9 (2) biological differences between the sexes mean that
10 only females are able to get pregnant, give birth, and breastfeed
11 children;

12 (3) biological differences between the sexes mean that
13 males are, on average, bigger, stronger, and faster than females;

14 (4) biological differences between the sexes leave
15 females more physically vulnerable than males to specific forms of
16 violence, including sexual violence;

17 (5) females have historically suffered discrimination
18 in education, athletics, and employment;

19 (6) biological differences between the sexes are
20 enduring and may, in some circumstances, warrant the creation of
21 separate social, educational, athletic, or other spaces in order to
22 ensure individuals' safety and allow members of each sex to succeed
23 and thrive;

24 (7) inconsistencies in court rulings and policy

1 initiatives with regard to the definitions of "sex," "male,"
2 "female," "man," and "woman" have led to endangerment of single-sex
3 spaces and resources, necessitating clarification of certain
4 terms; and

5 (8) an individual's sex is defined as the individual's
6 biological sex at birth, either male or female.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 2051, Government Code, is amended by
8 adding Subchapter G to read as follows:

9 SUBCHAPTER G. DEFINITIONS OF MALE AND FEMALE FOR CERTAIN
10 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND NOTICES

11 Sec. 2051.251. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

12 (1) "Female" means an individual whose biological
13 reproductive system is developed to produce ova.

14 (2) "Governmental entity" has the meaning assigned by
15 Section 2051.041.

16 (3) "Male" means an individual whose biological
17 reproductive system is developed to fertilize the ova of a female.

18 Sec. 2051.252. DEFINITIONS OF MALE AND FEMALE FOR CERTAIN
19 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND NOTICES. A document,
20 policy, survey, questionnaire, report, publication, notice, or
21 other written or electronic material produced by a governmental
22 entity or official may only reference two sexes, male and female,
23 when requesting or providing information regarding an individual's
24 sex.

25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.