

1-1 By: Hughes, Hall S.B. No. 1999
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2025; March 17, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 7, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 7, 2025,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Hughes	X			
1-10	Paxton	X			
1-11	Bettencourt	X			
1-12	Birdwell	X			
1-13	Hall	X			
1-14	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-15	Middleton	X			
1-16	Parker	X			
1-17	Perry			X	
1-18	Schwertner	X			
1-19	Zaffirini			X	

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1999 By: Paxton

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to protection for a public employee's or student's use of
1-24 terms consistent with biological sex.
1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-26 SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 22, Education Code, is
1-27 amended by adding Section 22.905 to read as follows:
1-28 Sec. 22.905. PROTECTION FOR USE OF TERMS CONSISTENT WITH
1-29 BIOLOGICAL SEX. (a) A school district or open-enrollment charter
1-30 school may not discipline, retaliate against, or otherwise
1-31 discriminate against a student or district or school employee who
1-32 addresses a student or district or school employee in terms
1-33 consistent with the biological sex of the student or employee.
1-34 (b) This section may not be construed to:
1-35 (1) limit a school district or open-enrollment charter
1-36 school from adopting policies and procedures to prohibit and
1-37 prevent bullying under Section 37.0832; and
1-38 (2) authorize a person to engage in conduct that
1-39 constitutes harassment in violation of Section 42.07, Penal Code.
1-40 SECTION 2. Subchapter 2, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
1-41 amended by adding Section 51.991 to read as follows:
1-42 Sec. 51.991. PROTECTION FOR USE OF TERMS CONSISTENT WITH
1-43 BIOLOGICAL SEX. (a) In this section, "institution of higher
1-44 education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.
1-45 (b) An institution of higher education may not discipline,
1-46 retaliate against, or otherwise discriminate against a student or
1-47 an employee of the institution who addresses a student or employee
1-48 in terms consistent with the biological sex of the student or
1-49 employee.
1-50 (c) This section may not be construed to authorize a student
1-51 or an employee of the institution to engage in conduct that
1-52 constitutes harassment in violation of Section 42.07, Penal Code.
1-53 SECTION 3. Subtitle A, Title 6, Government Code, is amended
1-54 by adding Chapter 621 to read as follows:
1-55 CHAPTER 621. PROTECTION FOR USE OF TERMS CONSISTENT WITH
1-56 BIOLOGICAL SEX
1-57 Sec. 621.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "public
1-58 employer" has the meaning assigned by Section 619.001.
1-59 Sec. 621.002. PROTECTION FOR USE OF TERMS CONSISTENT WITH
1-60 BIOLOGICAL SEX. (a) A public employer may not discipline,

retaliate against, or otherwise discriminate against an employee of the public employer who addresses another employee or person in terms consistent with the biological sex of the employee or person.

(b) This section may not be construed to authorize an employee of a public employer to engage in conduct that constitutes harassment in violation of Section 42.07, Penal Code.

SECTION 4. 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 September 1, 2025.

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