

**South Carolina's proposed  
anti-LGBTQ+  
"Bathroom Bills" are being  
fast-tracked this week.**

**Both bills will be discussed by a  
Senate Education subcommittee  
February 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.  
in Gressette Room 407.**

***Read on to find out more about what these  
bills really do, and why they are potentially  
harmful to South Carolina students and  
families.***

# Proposed anti-LGBTQ+ “Bathroom Bills”

This year, the South Carolina legislature has introduced several bills **marketed as “Student Physical Privacy Acts”**.

**In reality, these bills HARM student privacy by inserting the state and school districts into decisions made by students and their families.**



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# Proposed Bathroom Bills

## House Bill 4756 (multiple sponsors)

This bill requires students to be treated as “Male” or “Female” **based on very narrow and medically inaccurate criteria.** If passed, the bill would **give the state the power to determine which bathrooms and changing facilities students must use,** regardless of the wishes of students, families, and medical professionals.

*Like other bathroom bills, this one disregards what is good for individual students and families to score political points at the expense of LGBTQ+ people.*



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## **Senate Bill 199 (sponsored by Senators Wes Climer and Josh Kimbrell)**

Like the House bill, this one uses **restrictive and medically unsound definitions of “Male” and “Female”** to require students to use bathrooms mandated by the state, regardless of the preferences, beliefs, and expertise of students, their families, and health providers.

*This legislation is designed to harm LGBTQ+ students.*



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# Bathroom bills cause demonstrable and well-documented harm to students.

A wealth of research shows that bathroom bills harm LGBTQ+ youth. For example, a study from the medical journal *Pediatrics* found that, **“Youth whose restroom and locker room use was restricted were more likely to experience sexual assault compared with those without restrictions”**.

LGBTQ+ students forced to use a bathroom that does not align with their identities experience **increased mental health issues**.



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A recent study from UCLA's Williams Institute, on the other hand, finds that, **“There is no evidence that allowing transgender people access to bathrooms aligning with their gender identity jeopardizes safety and privacy,”** while **“Research consistently finds that transgender people report negative experiences like harassment and violence when accessing bathrooms.”**



# Bottom Line

Bathroom bills don't make students safer, and they harm or exacerbate harm to LGBTQ+ students, who are already at greater risk for violence, mental health issues, academic issues, and self-harm, which are all **directly correlated with how safe they feel at school.**

**Contact subcommittee members (on the next slide) before tomorrow's meeting and urge them to protect ALL students and families!**

# Subcommittee Members to Contact

Senator Everett Stubbs, Chair

Senator Brad Hutto

Senator Ronnie Sabb

Senator Tom Young

Senator Richard Cash

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