

Union Calendar No. 377

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 2616

[Report No. 119–441]

To require public elementary and middle schools that receive funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to obtain parental consent before changing a minor’s gender markers, pronouns, or preferred name on any school form or sex-based accommodations, including locker rooms or bathrooms.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2025

Mr. WALBERG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and Workforce

JANUARY 13, 2026

Additional sponsors: Mr. OWENS, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. ONDER, and
Mr. KILEY of California

JANUARY 13, 2026

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 3, 2025]

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Parental Rights Over*
 5 *The Education and Care of Their Kids Act” or the “PRO-*
 6 *TECT Kids Act”.*

7 **SEC. 2. PARENTAL CONSENT REQUIREMENT RELATED TO**
 8 **GENDER MARKERS, PRONOUNS, AND PRE-**
 9 **FERRED NAMES ON SCHOOL FORMS AND SEX-**
 10 **BASED ACCOMMODATIONS.**

11 *(a) REQUIREMENT.—As a condition of receiving funds*
 12 *under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of*
 13 *1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.), a public school that receives*
 14 *funds under such Act shall obtain parental consent before*
 15 *changing a covered student’s—*

16 *(1) gender markers, pronouns, or preferred name*
 17 *on any school form; or*

18 *(2) sex-based accommodations, including locker*
 19 *rooms or bathrooms.*

20 *(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

21 *(1) COVERED STUDENT.—The term “covered stu-*
 22 *dent” means a minor who is—*

23 *(A) an elementary school student; or*

24 *(B) a student in any of the middle grades.*

1 (2) *ESEA TERMS*.—*The terms “elementary*
2 *school”, “middle grades”, and “parent” have the*
3 *meanings given such terms in section 8101 of the Ele-*
4 *mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20*
5 *U.S.C. 7801).*

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