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S. 1147

To establish clear and consistent biological definitions of male and female.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 26, 2025

Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. SHEEHY, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. RICKETTS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To establish clear and consistent biological definitions of male and female.

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 “Defining Male and Fe-
5 male Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF “SEX”, “MALE”, “FEMALE”, AND RE-**
7 **LATED TERMS.**

8 Chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, is amended
9 by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 9. DEFINITION OF ‘SEX’, ‘MALE’, ‘FEMALE’, AND RE-**
2 **LATED TERMS.**

3 “In determining the meaning of any Act of Congress,
4 or of any ruling, regulation, or interpretation of the var-
5 ious departments and Federal agencies of the United
6 States, the term—

7 “(1) ‘boy’ means a minor human male;

8 “(2) ‘father’ means a male parent;

9 “(3) ‘female’, when used to refer to a natural
10 person, means a person belonging, at conception, to
11 the sex characterized by a reproductive system with
12 the biological function of producing eggs (ova);

13 “(4) ‘gender identity’ means an identity that re-
14 flects an internal and subjective sense of self, discon-
15 nected from biological reality and sex and existing
16 on an indeterminate continuum, and, because such
17 an identity does not provide a meaningful basis for
18 identification for purposes of Federal law, the term
19 shall not be recognized by the Federal Government
20 as a replacement for sex;

21 “(5) ‘girl’ means a minor human female;

22 “(6) ‘male’, when used to refer to a natural
23 person, means a person belonging, at conception, to
24 the biological sex characterized by a reproductive
25 system with the biological function of producing
26 sperm;

1 “(7) ‘man’, except when used as a generic ref-
2 erence to human beings, means an adult human
3 male;

4 “(8) ‘mother’ means a female parent;

5 “(9) ‘sex’, when referring to a natural person’s
6 individual’s sex, means the person’s immutable bio-
7 logical classification as either male or female, as bio-
8 logically determined and defined by this section; and

9 “(10) ‘woman’ means an adult human female.”.

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