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114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MESSER (for himself and \_\_\_\_\_) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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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 “Prohibiting the Usur-

5       pation of Bathroom Laws through Independent Choice

6       School Act (PUBLIC School Act) of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY REGARDING SEX-**  
2 **SEGREGATED BATHROOMS AND SEX-SEG-**  
3 **REGATED LOCKER ROOMS OF EDUCATIONAL**  
4 **INSTITUTIONS.**

5 It shall not be unlawful under any Federal law (in-  
6 cluding title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972)  
7 for a State, or local government of a State, to enact or  
8 enforce a policy regarding the use of sex-segregated bath-  
9 rooms, or sex-segregated locker rooms, of educational in-  
10 stitutions on the basis of gender identity. Federal financial  
11 assistance may not be reduced or denied on the basis that  
12 a State, or local government of a State, enacts or enforces  
13 a policy regarding the use of sex-segregated bathrooms,  
14 or sex-segregated locker rooms, of an educational institu-  
15 tion on the basis of gender identity.

16 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION.**

17 For purposes of this Act, the term “gender identity”  
18 shall have the meaning given it in section 249 of title 18  
19 of the United States Code.