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Summary	Description	Last Updated
H2-SMTC-2(e1)-v-1	Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act.	03/23/2016
H2-SMTC-4(e2)-v-2	Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act.	03/23/2016
H2-SMTC-5(sl)-v-3	Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act.	04/13/2016
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Sponsors:	Bishop; Stam; Howard; Steinburg (Primary)
	Adams; Arp; Avila; Bradford; Brody; Burr; Cleveland; Dixon; Elmore; Hager;
	K. Hall; Hastings; Hurley; Jones; Jordan; Langdon; S. Martin; McElraft;
-1	McNeill; Millis; T. Moore; Pittman; Presnell; Riddell; Robinson; Schaffer;
	Speciale; Torbett; Warren; Watford; Whitmire; Zachary
Attributes:	Public; Text has changed
Counties:	No counties specifically cited
Statutes:	115C, 143, 153A, 160A, 95 (Chapters); 115C-47, 115C-521.2, 143-422.10,
	143-422.11, 143-422.12, 143-422.13, 143-422.2, 143-422.3, 143-760,
	153A-449, 160A-20.1, 95-25.1 (Sections)
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3/23/2016	House	Amend Tabled A1	A1: AMS-1-V-5	FAIL: 35-72
3/23/2016	House	Amend Failed A2	A2: AMS-2-V-4	FAIL: 35-72
3/23/2016	House	Amend Adopted A3	A3: Scanned Document	PASS: 107-0
3/23/2016	House	Amend Adopted A4	A4: ATC-1-V-1	PASS: 108-0
3/23/2016	House	Passed 2nd Reading		PASS: 82-26
3/23/2016	House	Passed 3rd Reading		PASS: 82-26
3/23/2016	House	Ordered Engrossed		
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3/23/2016	Senate	Special Message Received From House		
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3/23/2016	Senate	Placed on Today's Calendar		
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Senate Committee on Judiciary II Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at During First Recess Room 643 of the Legislative Office Building

MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Judiciary II met at During First Recess (4:20 pm) on March 23, 2016 in Room 643 of the Legislative Office Building. 17 members were present.

Senator Shirley B. Randleman, Chair, presided.

Sgt at Arms: Terry Barnhardt, Larry Hancock, Steve McKaig, Matt Urben, Dale Huff.

HB 2 Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act.. (Representatives Bishop, Stam, Howard, Steinburg)

Chair Randleman opened the meeting by recognizing the Sergeant-At-Arms and the Co-chairs, Senator Daniel and Senator Barringer. Chair Randleman noted the sign-up sheet for members of the public who wanted to speak in support or opposition to the proposed bill. Chair Randleman called the bill before the committee and recognized Representative Bishop and Senator Newton to explain the bill before the committee. Senator Newton explained the background that led to the bill and gave a simple explanation. Representative Bishop had no further comments before staff was directed to explain the bill in detail. Kara McCraw of the Legislative Analysis Division explained the bill. Chair Randleman opened up discussion to the committee. Senator Bingham asked a clarifying question regarding one of the definitions. Senator Newton responded to the question and staff helped explain further. Senator Van Duyn asked a procedural question regarding the consideration of amendments to which Chair Randleman responded that the amendments would be taken up after further discussion. Senator J. Jackson asked a question regarding the Human Relations Commission and the private right of action section in the bill; "does it modify existing law in NC?" Senator Newton responded that it was the intent to "keep the status quo" and that it does not change anything that is currently in existing law for bringing a private right of action. Senator J. Jackson asked a follow-up question, clarifying the statements made by Senator Newton. Senator Newton affirmed his previous statements. Senator J. Jackson asked a separate question about a potential loss of Title IX funding. Senator Newton responded to the question, claiming no risk to the potential of losing Title IX funding, citing the rejection of these claims twice in court. Representative Bishop added that there is not a case in the country where the current Executive Administration's view of discrimination against transgendered individuals has been upheld or recognized. Representative Bishop also added that, if a court did hold the Administration's view as correct, there would be plenty of time, and even entitlement to a hearing in order to change the law. In addition to these remedies, if an affirmative ruling was made in favor of the Administration's view, and federal law was amended thus, it would supersede North Carolina law, citing federal supremacy principles. Senator Cook made a comment in favor and support of the bill. Senator McInnis asked a question regarding the protections that would be expanded across the state through the language in the bill. Senator Newton expounded upon the issue of public accommodation and statewide anti-discrimination policy. Senator McInnis made follow-up a comment in favor and support of the bill. Senator Newton made a statement in reply. Senator Randleman directed the Sergeant-At-Arms to pass

out the proposed amendments. Amendment Number 1: H2-ATC-2 [v.3], sponsored by Senator Lowe, was before the committee. Kelly Tornow of the Legislative Analysis Division was recognized to explain the amendment. Senator Lowe was recognized to speak to the amendment. The main concern bringing forward the amendment was the lack of a private right of action. Senator Bishop commented on the amendment, making note of the previous statements that there are other remedies for individuals who are treated discriminatorily. Senator Newtown echoed these sentiments and clarified the current law. Both sponsors of the bill were opposed to the amendment. Senator Lowe clarified his reasoning behind the amendment. Senator Newton explained further the remedies available and encouraged an unfavorable vote towards the amendment. Senator J. Jackson commented on the amendment. Representative Bishop responded to the comments. Senator Newton also responded to the comments. No further comments, Chair Randleman called for a vote on Amendment 1. Amendment 1 failed. Amendment Number 2: H2-AST-1 [v.3], sponsored by Senator Van Duyn was before the committee. Kelly Tornow was recognized to explain the amendment. Senator Van Duyn was recognized to speak to the amendment. Senator Newton, in response, asked a question to clarify certain language in the amendment. Senator Newton then made comments of opposition towards the amendment. Senator Van Duyn made further comments in favor of her amendment. Senator Newton responded to the comments, urging the committee to vote unfavorably towards the amendment. Senator Daniel asked a rhetorical question regarding the purpose of the amendment and its relationship to the reason the bill was necessary. Senator Newton agreed with the comment. Senator Barefoot suggested and moved that Amendment 2 be tabled. The motion was seconded by Senator Daniel. Chair Randleman asked for a raise of hands supporting the motion. Chair Randleman asked for a raise of hands opposing the motion. The motion carried and Amendment 2 was laid upon the table. Having no further comments from the committee, Chair Randleman opened the floor for public comment, 5 speakers in opposition and 5 speakers in support, alternating and each having 2 minutes to speak.

Rev. Michael Slack, a local preacher, spoke against the bill. Transgendered individuals are not a threat. The bill is not about protecting privacy. The bill puts transgendered individuals at risk due to violence occurring in restrooms. The bill reflects a lack of research and understanding. Heather Garofalo, a Charlotte business-owner, spoke in favor of the bill. This bill allows private business owners to operate free from fear of being unjustly punished by the government. In 2015 the Pew Charitable Trust Organization identified the top 10 states for business growth. 8 out of those 10 do not have state nondiscrimination laws containing language around sexual orientation and gender identity. Not one case has been filed in Charlotte by the ACLU alleging discrimination that may have occurred against a member of the LGBT community. As a business-owner, the [Charlotte] ordinance has potential unintended consequences such as lawsuits, fines, jail time, and a loss of revenue for Charlotte if businesses withdraw contracts. Deborah Thomson, a parent, spoke against the bill. The education of her transgendered child will be compromised. Transgendered youth go to extreme measures in order to avoid using the bathroom at school. 74% of transgendered youth are sexually harassed. 55% are physically attacked. 28% drop out of school because of harassment. 50% attempt suicide. This bill gives permission to harass, exclude, and bully transgendered youth.

Donna Eaton, a mother and victim of sexual assault, spoke in favor of the bill. The trauma of the memories can be brought to light by acts resulting from the Charlotte ordinance. Without the bill, people with malicious intent can masquerade as transgendered to gain access to restrooms with potential victims. Stand up for all North Carolinians who are at risk of being victimized.

Lara Nazario, a veteran and transgendered individual, spoke against the bill. In public, there is fear about discrimination based on physical appearance coupled with presentation. The Charlotte ordinance would create an environment to allow transgendered individuals to live a normal life. Removing the protections in the ordinance would set the whole state back.

John Rustin, president of the NC Family Policy council, spoke in favor of the bill. The Charlotte ordinance changes are hazardous and highly controversial. Three primary concerns come up as a result of these changes. First, men can enter women's restrooms, shower facilities, and any other public accommodation in Charlotte, placing the privacy, safety, and dignity of women, children, and the elderly at risk. The city's broad definition of public accommodation causes the ordinance to apply to any business or organization providing goods or services – no exceptions being made for churches or other church affiliates. Second, many citizens holding sincere religious beliefs, used to conduct their lives and businesses, would be at risk of lawsuit and other government penalties. The city should not be allowed to mandate such terms as a condition of doing business. Third, Charlotte exceeded its authority passing this ordinance.

Skye Thomson, a transgendered youth, spoke against the bill. State lawmakers are bullying transgendered individuals. Transgendered students are physically bullied. It is embarrassing to not be able to use the preferred bathroom. These restrictions put transgendered youth in danger. John Amanchukwa, Executive Director for the Upper Room Christian Academy, spoke in favor of the bill. Neutrality is a form of collaboration and betrayal. Push back against neutrality, for the countless students, teachers, administrators, and parents who know the impending harm of the ordinance. It is common sense that boys should go to the boys' restroom and girls should go to the girls' restroom. If God did not give an individual access to the other restroom by anatomy, neither should ordinance nor legislation.

Maggie Kadel, a resident, spoke against the bill. The Charlotte ordinance would help keep people from being questioned when they only want to use the restroom. A transgendered individual born overseas is unable to change the birth certificate. According to the bill, a transgendered person would be required to use the women's restroom, even if they looked like a man, due to their inability to change their birth certificate.

Rev. Mark Creech, Executive Director of the Christian Action League, spoke in favor of the bill. The League and the thousands of churches in connection with the League thank the legislature for addressing the urgent matter at hand. The Charlotte Ordinance defies logic, catering to a very few and embracing a purely subjective reality, requiring the remaining individuals to adjust their reality to align. The real victims are private businesses and churches being required by the government to make certain recognitions contrary to their best interests.

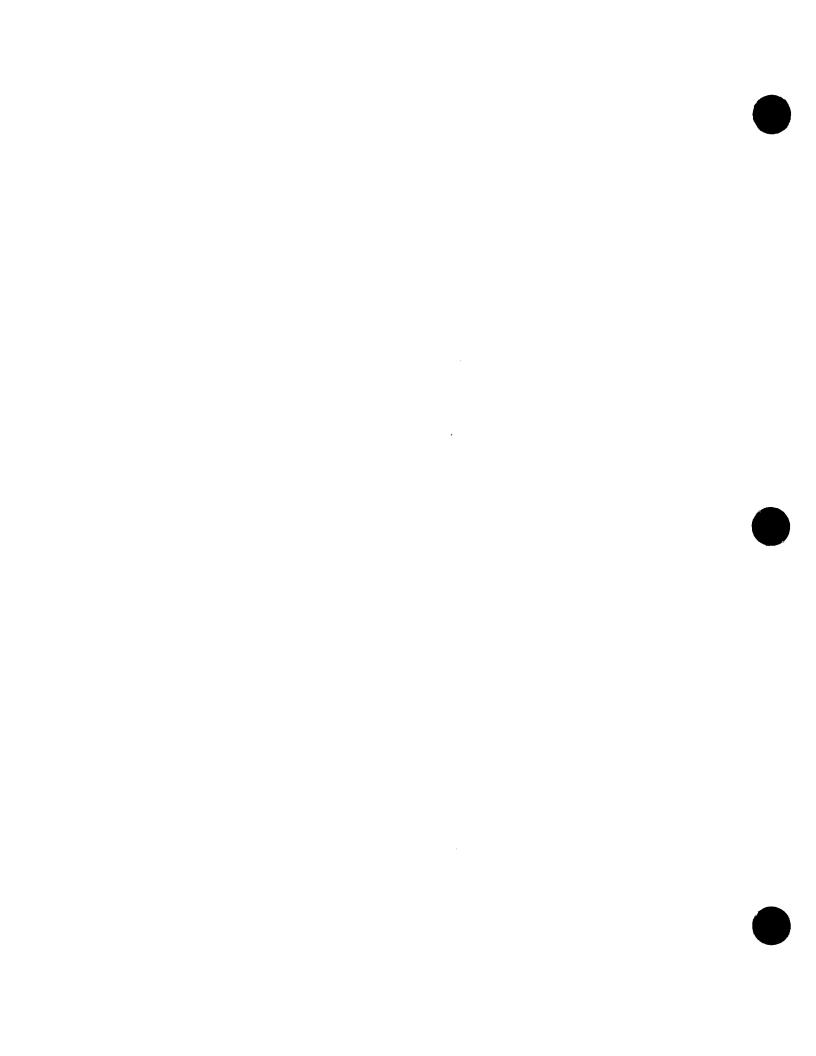
Chair Randleman recognized Senator Newton to make closing remarks. Senator Bingham moved to report the bill favorably. Senator Alexander seconded the motion. Chair Randleman called for the vote. The motion carried and the bill was reported by the clerk: Favorable.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Senator Shirley B Randleman, Chair

Presiding

Patrick Limer, Committee Clerk



Senate Committee on Judiciary II Wednesday, March 23, 2016, During First Recess 643 Legislative Office Building

AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Remarks

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BILL NO. SHORT TITLE

HB 2 Public Facilities Privacy & Security

Act.

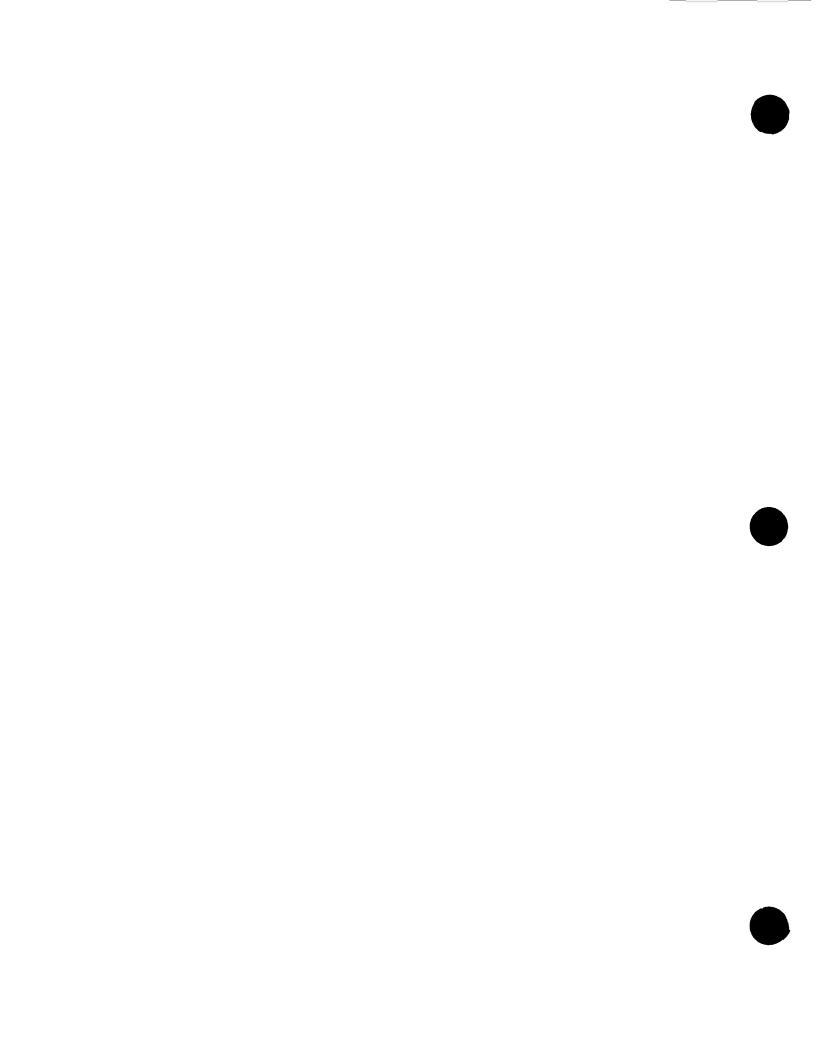
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Presentations

Other Business

Adjournment



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HOUSE BILL 2 Second Edition Engrossed 3/23/16

Short Title: Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act. (Public) Sponsors: Representatives Bishop, Stam, Howard, and Steinburg (Primary Sponsors). For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site. Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR SINGLE-SEX MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY BATHROOM AND CHANGING FACILITIES IN SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC AGENCIES AND TO CREATE STATEWIDE CONSISTENCY IN REGULATION OF EMPLOYMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS.

Whereas, the North Carolina Constitution directs the General Assembly to provide for the organization and government of all cities and counties and to give cities and counties such powers and duties as the General Assembly deems advisable in Section 1 of Article VII of the North Carolina Constitution; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Constitution reflects the importance of statewide laws related to commerce by prohibiting the General Assembly from enacting local acts regulating labor, trade, mining, or manufacturing in Section 24 of Article II of the North Carolina Constitution; and

Whereas, the General Assembly finds that laws and obligations consistent statewide for all businesses, organizations, and employers doing business in the State will improve intrastate commerce; and

Whereas, the General Assembly finds that laws and obligations consistent statewide for all businesses, organizations, and employers doing business in the State benefit the businesses, organizations, and employers seeking to do business in the State and attracts new businesses, organizations, and employers to the State; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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PART I. SINGLE-SEX MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY BATHROOM AND CHANGING **FACILITIES**

SECTION 1.1. G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(63) To Establish Single-Sex Multiple Occupancy Bathroom and Changing Facilities. - Local boards of education shall establish single-sex multiple occupancy bathroom and changing facilities as provided in G.S. 115C-521.2."

SECTION 1.2. Article 37 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 115C-521.2. Single-sex multiple occupancy bathroom and changing facilities.

- Definitions. The following definitions apply in this section:
 - Biological sex. The physical condition of being male or female, which is (1) stated on a person's birth certificate.



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- compensation of employees, such as the wage levels of employees, hours of labor, payment of earned wages, benefits, leave, or well-being of minors in the workforce. This subsection shall not apply to any of the following:
 - A local government regulating, compensating, or controlling its own (1)employees.
 - Economic development incentives awarded under Chapter 143B of the General (2)
 - Economic development incentives awarded under Article 1 of Chapter 158 of (3) the General Statutes.

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- A requirement of federal community development block grants. (4)
- Programs established under G.S. 153A-376 or G.S. 160A-456." (5)

SECTION 2.2. G.S. 153A-449(a) reads as rewritten:

Authority. - A county may contract with and appropriate money to any person association, or corporation, in order to carry out any public purpose that the county is authorized by law to engage in. A county may not require a private contractor under this section to abide by any restriction that the county could not impose on all employers in the county, such as paying minimum wage or providing paid sick leave to its employees, regulations or controls on the contractor's employment practices or mandate or prohibit the provision of goods, services, or accommodations to any member of the public as a condition of bidding on a contract contract or a qualification-based selection, except as otherwise required or allowed by State law."

SECTION 2.3. G.S. 160A-20.1(a) reads as rewritten:

Authority. - A city may contract with and appropriate money to any person, association, or corporation, in order to carry out any public purpose that the city is authorized by law to engage in. A city may not require a private contractor under this section to abide by any restriction that the city could not impose on all employers in the city, such as paying minimum wage or providing paid sick leave to its employees, regulations or controls on the contractor's employment practices or mandate or prohibit the provision of goods, services, or accommodations to any member of the public as a condition of bidding on a contract or a qualification-based selection, except as otherwise required or allowed by State law."

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PART III. PROTECTION OF RIGHTS IN EMPLOYMENT AND PUBLIC **ACCOMMODATIONS**

SECTION 3.1. G.S. 143-422.2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-422.2. Legislative declaration.

- It is the public policy of this State to protect and safeguard the right and opportunity q all persons to seek, obtain and hold employment without discrimination or abridgement of account of race, religion, color, national origin, age, biological sex or handicap by employers which regularly employ 15 or more employees.
- It is recognized that the practice of denying employment opportunity and discriminating in the terms of employment foments domestic strife and unrest, deprives the State of the fullest utilization of its capacities for advancement and development, and substantially and adversely affects the interests of employees, employers, and the public in general.
- The General Assembly declares that the regulation of discriminatory practices in employment is properly an issue of general, statewide concern, such that this Article and other applicable provisions of the General Statutes supersede and preempt any ordinance, regulation, resolution, or policy adopted or imposed by a unit of local government or other political subdivision of the State that regulates or imposes any requirement upon an employer pertaining to the regulation of discriminatory practices in employment, except such regulations applicable to personnel employed by that body that are not otherwise in conflict with State law."

SECTION 3.2. G.S. 143-422.3 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-422.3. Investigations; conciliations.

The Human Relations Commission in the Department of Administration shall have the authority to receive charges of discrimination from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission pursuant to an agreement under Section 709(b) of Public Law 88-352, as amended by Public Law 92-261, and investigate and conciliate charges of discrimination. Throughout this process, the agency shall use its good offices to effect an amicable resolution of the charges of discrimination. This Article does not create, and shall not be construed to create or support, statutory or common law private right of action, and no person may bring any civil action based upon the public policy expressed herein."

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SECTION 3.3. Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:

"Article 49B.

"Equal Access to Public Accommodations.

"§ 143-422.10. Short title.

This Article shall be known and may be cited as the Equal Access to Public Accommodations

"§ 143-422.11. Legislative declaration.

- It is the public policy of this State to protect and safeguard the right and opportunity of all individuals within the State to enjoy fully and equally the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations of places of public accommodation free of discrimination because of race, religion, color, national origin, or biological sex, provided that designating multiple or single occupancy bathrooms or changing facilities according to biological sex, as defined in G.S. 143-760(a)(1), (3), and (5), shall not be deemed to constitute discrimination.
- The General Assembly declares that the regulation of discriminatory practices in places (b) of public accommodation is properly an issue of general, statewide concern, such that this Article and other applicable provisions of the General Statutes supersede and preempt any ordinance, regulation, resolution, or policy adopted or imposed by a unit of local government or other political subdivision of the State that regulates or imposes any requirement pertaining to the regulation of discriminatory practices in places of public accommodation.

"§ 143-422.12. Places of public accommodation – defined.

For purposes of this Article, places of public accommodation has the same meaning as defined in G.S. 168A-3(8), but shall exclude any private club or other establishment not, in fact, open to the public.

"§ 143-422.13. Investigations; conciliations.

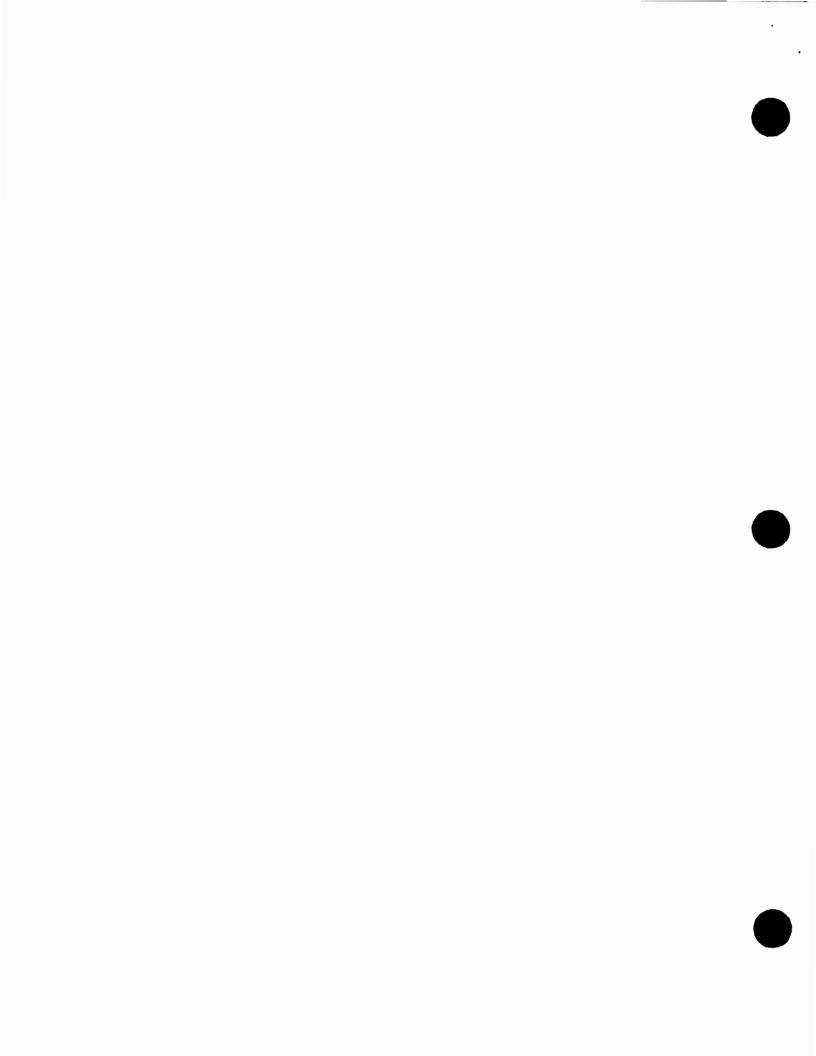
The Human Relations Commission in the Department of Administration shall have the authority to receive, investigate, and conciliate complaints of discrimination in public accommodations. Throughout this process, the Human Relations Commission shall use its good offices to effect an amicable resolution of the complaints of discrimination. This Article does not create, and shall not be construed to create or support, a statutory or common law private right of action, and no person may bring any civil action based upon the public policy expressed herein."

PART IV. SEVERABILITY

SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or its application is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this act that can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable. If any provision of this act is temporarily or permanently restrained or enjoined by judicial order, this act shall be enforced as though such restrained or enjoined provisions had not been adopted, provided that whenever such temporary or permanent restraining order or injunction is stayed, dissolved, or otherwise ceases to have effect, such provisions shall have full force and effect.

PART V. EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 5. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to any action taken on or after that date, to any ordinance, resolution, regulation, or policy adopted or amended on or after that date, and to any contract entered into on or after that date. The provisions of Sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 of this act supersede and preempt any ordinance, resolution, regulation, or policy adopted prior to the effective date of this act that purports to regulate a subject matter preempted by this act or that violates or is not consistent with this act, and such ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or policies shall be null and void as of the effective date of this act.





HOUSE BILL 2: Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act.

2016-2017 General Assembly

Committee:

Senate Judiciary II

Date:

March 23, 2016

Introduced by: Reps. Bishop, Stam, Howard, Steinburg

Prepared by:

Kara McCraw

Analysis of:

Second Edition

Committee Co-Counsel

SUMMARY: House Bill 2 would:

- 1. Require single sex multiple occupancy bathrooms and changing facilities in public schools and public agencies.
- 2. Supersede and preempt all local ordinances, regulations, or resolutions imposing any requirements on employers pertaining to compensation of employees, with certain exceptions.
- 3. Prohibit cities and counties from requiring private contractors to abide by regulations or controls on employment practices or mandate or prohibit provision of goods, services, or accommodations to any member of the public, except as required by State law.
- 4. Supersede and preempt any local ordinance, regulation, or resolution that regulates or imposes any requirements on employers pertaining to regulation of discriminatory practices in employment.
- 5. Create a State law pertaining to discrimination in public accommodations. Supersede and preempt any local ordinance, regulation, or resolution that regulates or imposes any requirements pertaining to regulation of discriminatory practices in a place of public accommodation.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 2 would make the following changes:

PART I: SINGLE SEX MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY BATHROOM AND CHANGING **FACILITIES**

Sections 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3: Require local boards of education and public agencies to designate and require use of single sex multiple occupancy bathroom and changing facilities based on a person's biological sex, as stated on that person's birth certificate.

- Local boards of education and public agencies would be permitted to provide accommodations upon request due to special circumstances, but such accommodations could not include use of a single sex multiple occupancy bathroom or changing facility designated for the opposite biological sex.
- Exceptions to the requirements include the following: custodial use, maintenance or inspection, medical assistance, assistance in facility, and use of a facility temporarily designated for use by that biological sex.

PART 2: STATEWIDE CONSISTENCY IN LAWS RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRACTING

Section 2.1: As part of the State Wage and Hour Act, would supersede and preempt ordinances, regulations, resolutions, or policies adopted or imposed by any unit of local government or other political subdivision regulating or imposing any requirements on employers pertaining to compensation

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of employees. Local governments would not be prohibited from regulating or imposing employe compensation requirements in the following areas:

- Employees of the local government.
- Economic development incentives awarded under Chapter 143B.
- Economic development incentives awarded under the Local Development Act of 1925.
- Federal community development block grants.
- Community development programs and activities established by cities and counties under G.S. 153A-376 or G.S. 160A-456.

Section 2.2 and 2.3: Current law authorizes counties and cities to contract for any public purpose, but prohibits contract provisions that create restrictions the county could not impose on all employers in the county.

Section 2.2 and 2.3 would instead prohibit counties and cities from requiring private contractors to abide by the following, except as otherwise required or allowed by State law:

- Regulations or controls on the contractor's employment practices.
- Mandates or prohibitions on the provision of goods, services, or accommodations to any member of the public.

PROTECTION OF RIGHTS IN **EMPLOYMENT AND PUBLIC PART** III: ACCOMMODATIONS

- Section 3.1: Current state law declares the public policy of the State to protect and safeguard the right and opportunities of all persons to employment without discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap by employers of 15 or more.
- Sec. 3.1 would clarify the protected class of sex as "biological sex".
- Sec. 3.1 would declare the regulation of discriminatory practices in employment an issue of general statewide concern, and supersede and preempt ordinances, regulations, resolutions, or policies adopted or imposed by any unit of local government or other political subdivision regulating or imposing any requirements on employers relating to regulation of discriminatory practices in employment, except regulations related to that body's own personnel that do not otherwise conflict with State law.
- Section 3.2: Would state that neither statutory nor common law private rights of action are created by the Equal Employment Practices Article, and no person may bring a civil action based on the public policy expressed in that Article.
- Section 3.3: Would establish a new Article, "Equal Access to Public Accommodations," declaring the public policy of the State to protect and safeguard the right and opportunities of all individuals to enjoy fully and equally places of public accommodation without discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, or biological sex.

An exception would allow the provision of multiple or single occupancy bathrooms or changing rooms based on biological sex.

Sec. 3.3 would also declare the regulation of discriminatory practices in a place of public accommodation an issue of general statewide concern, and supersede and preempt ordinances regulations, resolutions, or policies adopted or imposed by any unit of local government or other political subdivision regulating or imposing any requirements on employers relating to regulation of discriminatory practices in a place of public accommodation.

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Sec. 3.3 would authorize the Human Relations Commission in the Department of Administration to receive, investigate, and conciliate complaints of discrimination in public accommodations and use best efforts to affect amicable resolutions.

Sec. 3.3 would also state that neither statutory nor common law private rights of action are created by the Equal Access to Public Accommodations Article, and no person may bring a civil action based on the public policy expressed in that Article.

Section 4 would provide for severability of each provision of the act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: House Bill 2 would become effective when it becomes law, and would apply to any action taken on or after that date, to any ordinance, resolution, regulation, or policy adopted or amended on or after that date, and to any contract entered on or after that date. Sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 of the act would supersede and preempt any ordinance or resolution adopted prior to the effective date of the act that purports to regulate a subject matter preempted by this act or that violates or is not consistent with the act, and such ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or policies would be null and void as of the effective date.



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT House Bill 2

AMENDMENT NO (to be filled in by H2-ATC-2 [v.3] Principal Clerk) Page 1 of 1 Date March 23 Amends Title [NO] ,2016 Second Edition Senator Lowe moves to amend the bill on page 5, lines 29-31, by rewriting those lines to read: "offices to effect an amicable resolution of the complaints of discrimination.". **SIGNED** Amendment Sponsor **SIGNED** Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

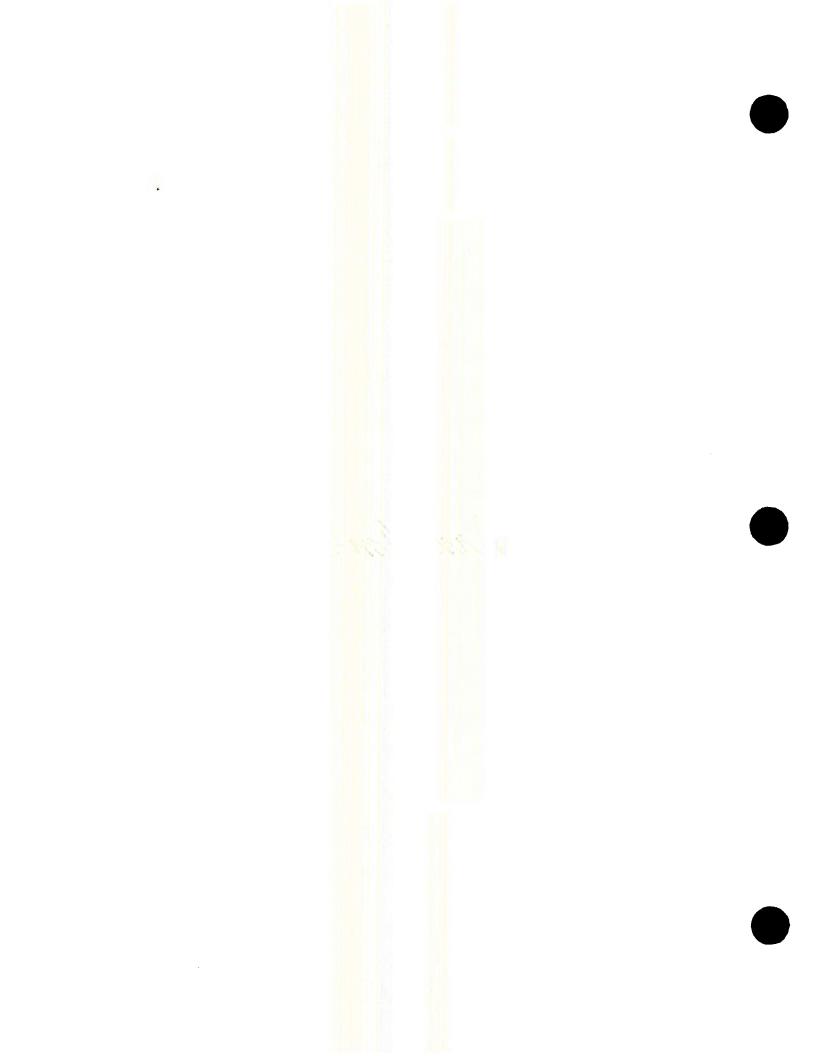
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moves to amend the bill on page 4, line 28, by inserting between "age," and "biological" the phrase "sexual orientation, gender identity,";

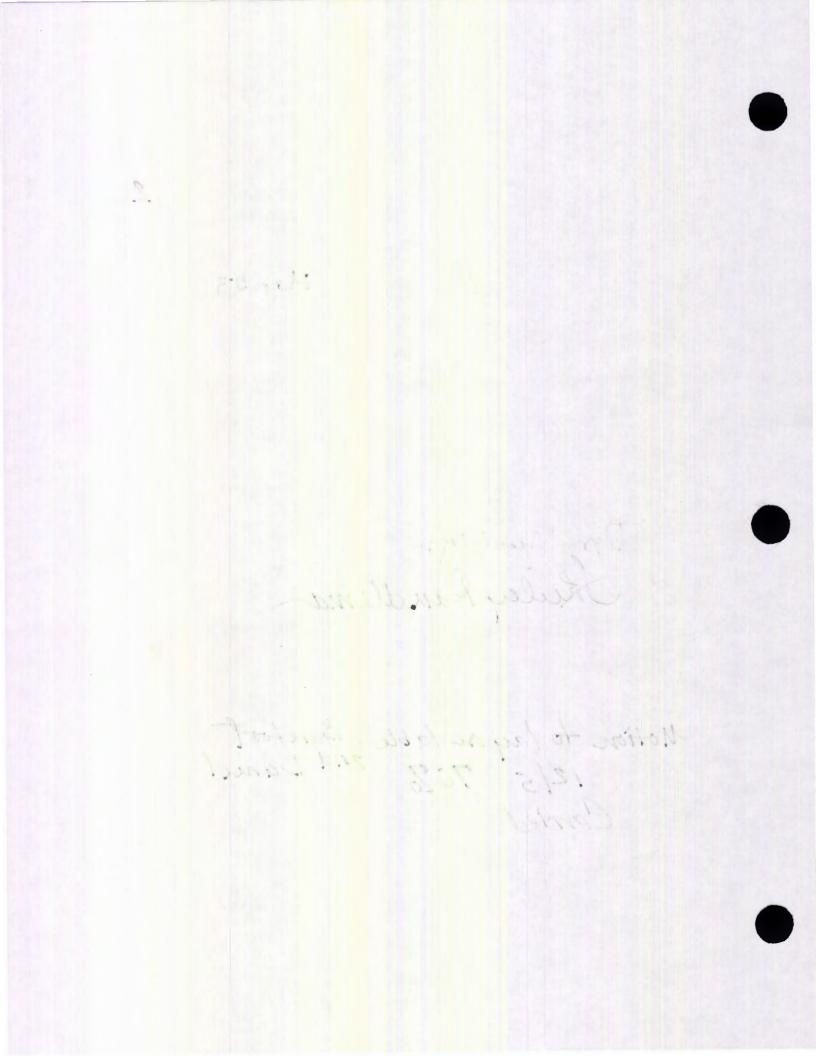
and on page 5, line 12, by inserting between "national origin," and "or" the phrase "sexual orientation, gender identity ".

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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE

JUDICIARY II COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator Barringer, Co-Chair Senator Daniel, Co-Chair Senator Randleman, Co-Chair

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

Senator Randleman, submits the following with recommendations as to passage:

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HB 2

Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act.

Draft Number: Sequential Referral: Recommended Referral: None

None None

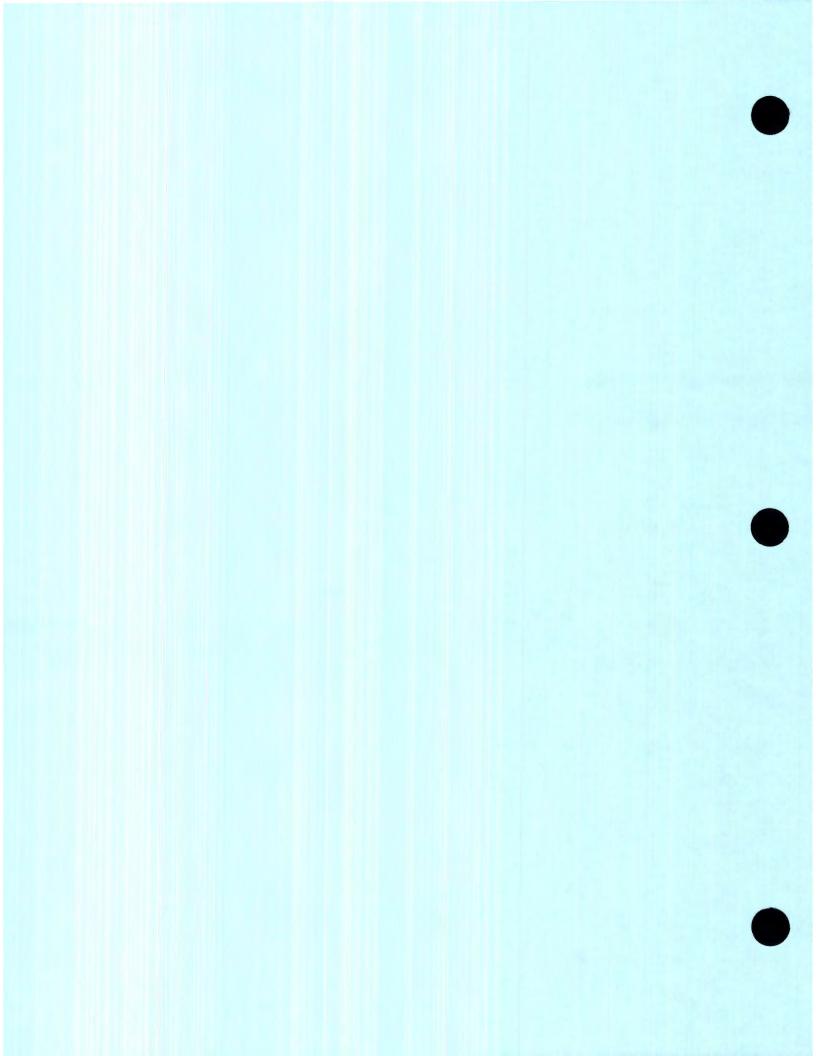
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Senator E.S. Newton will handle HB 2





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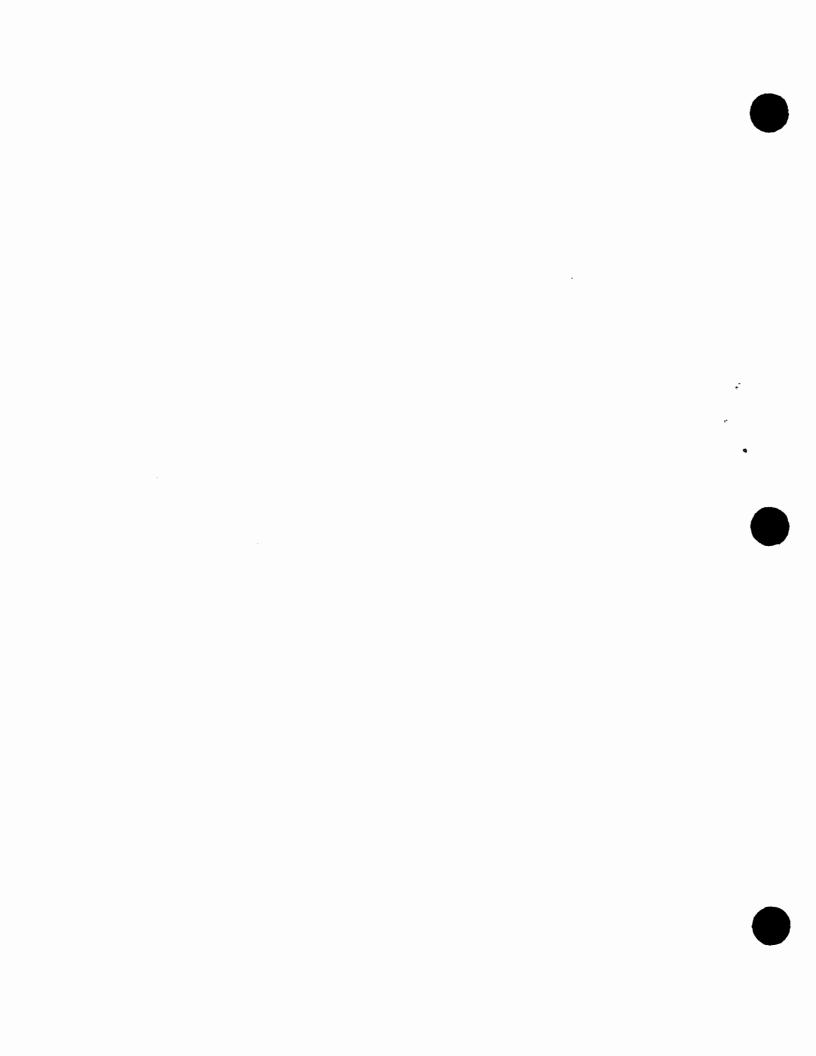
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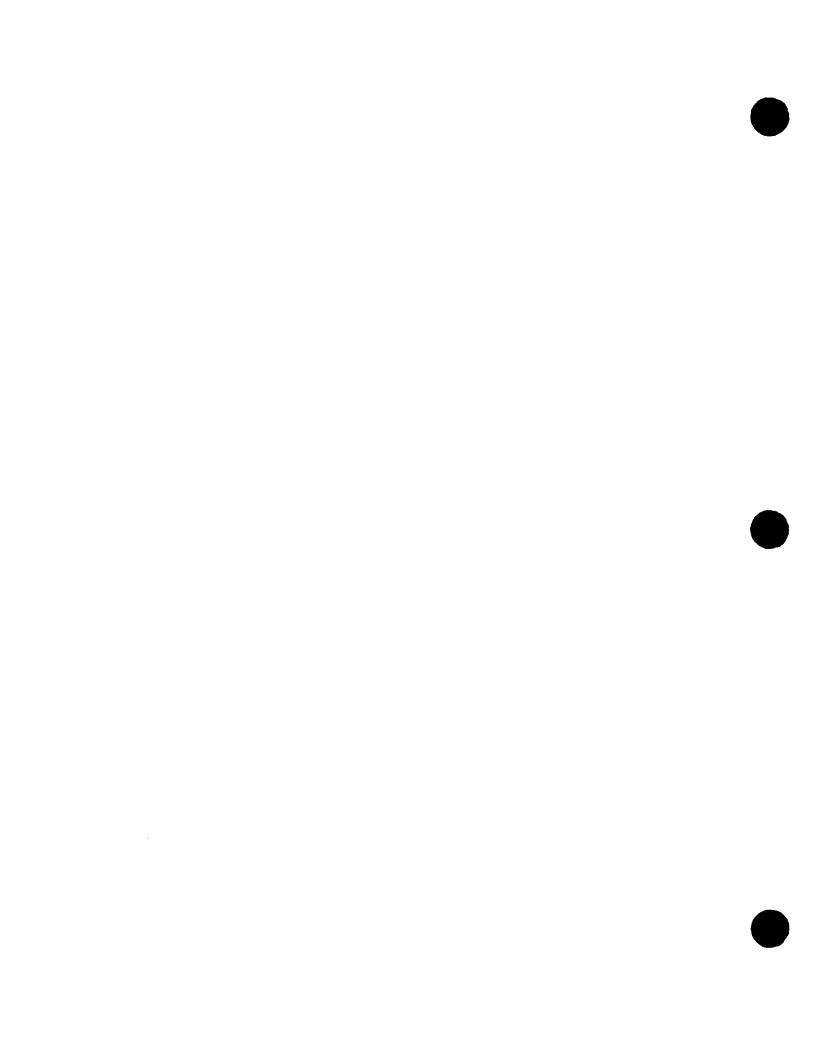
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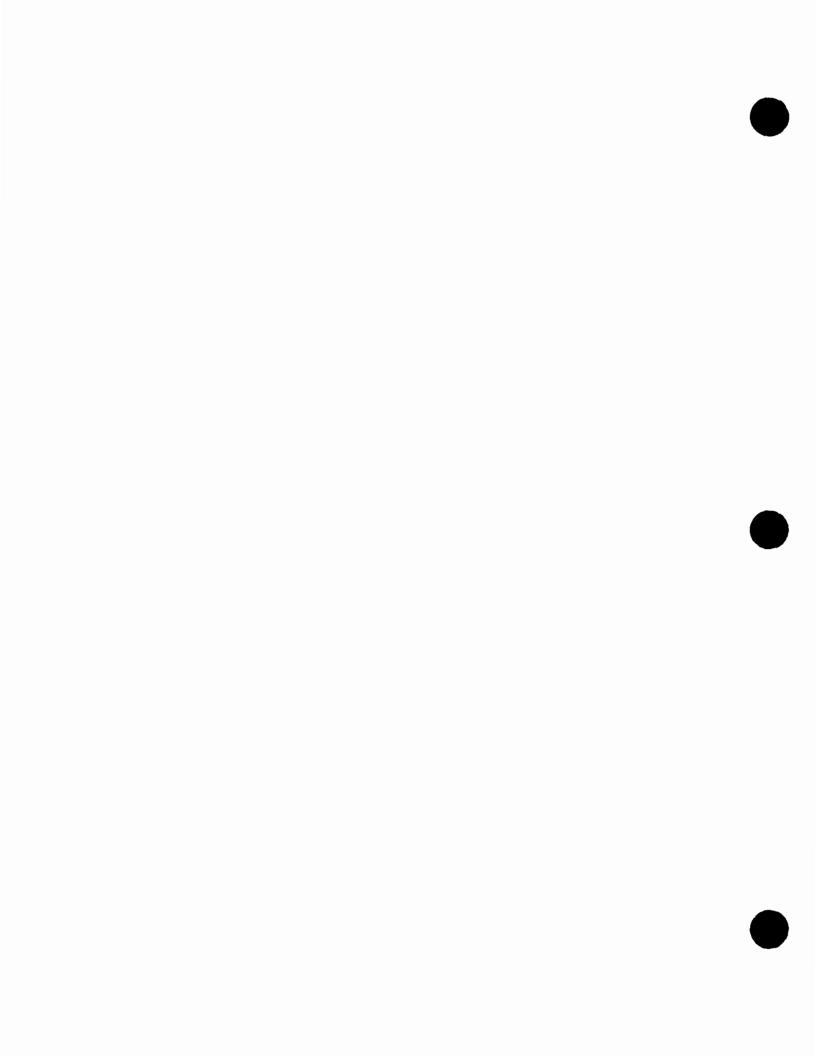


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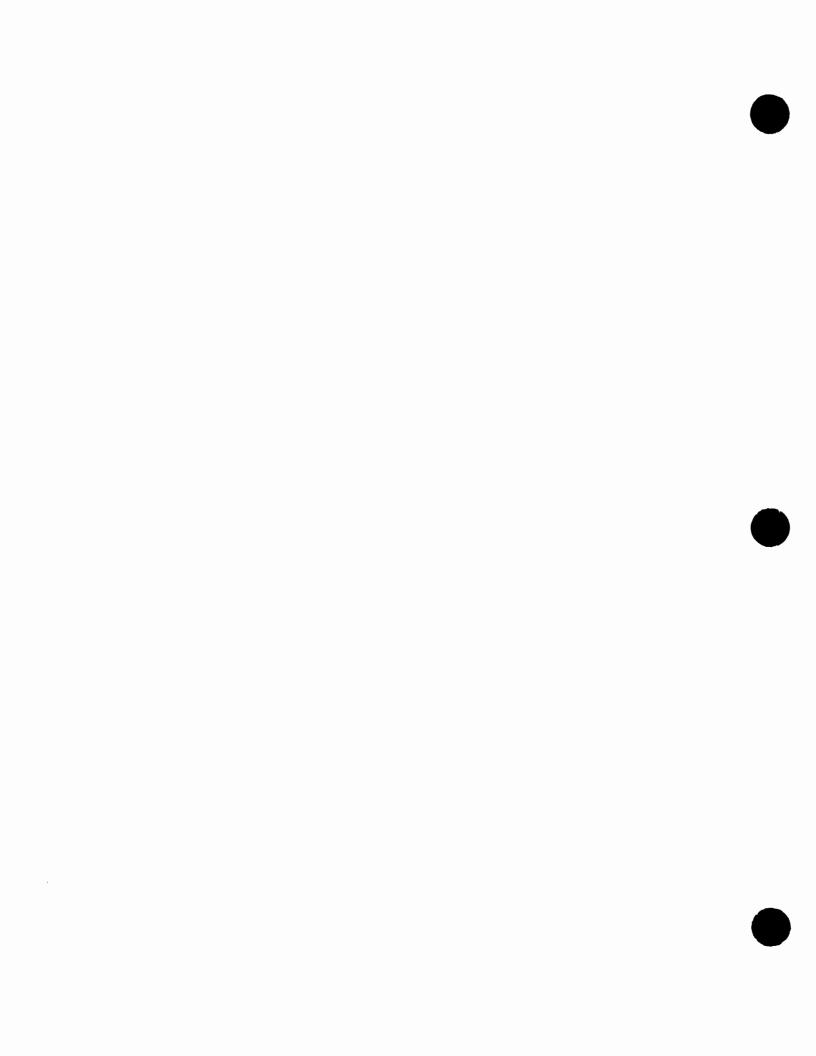
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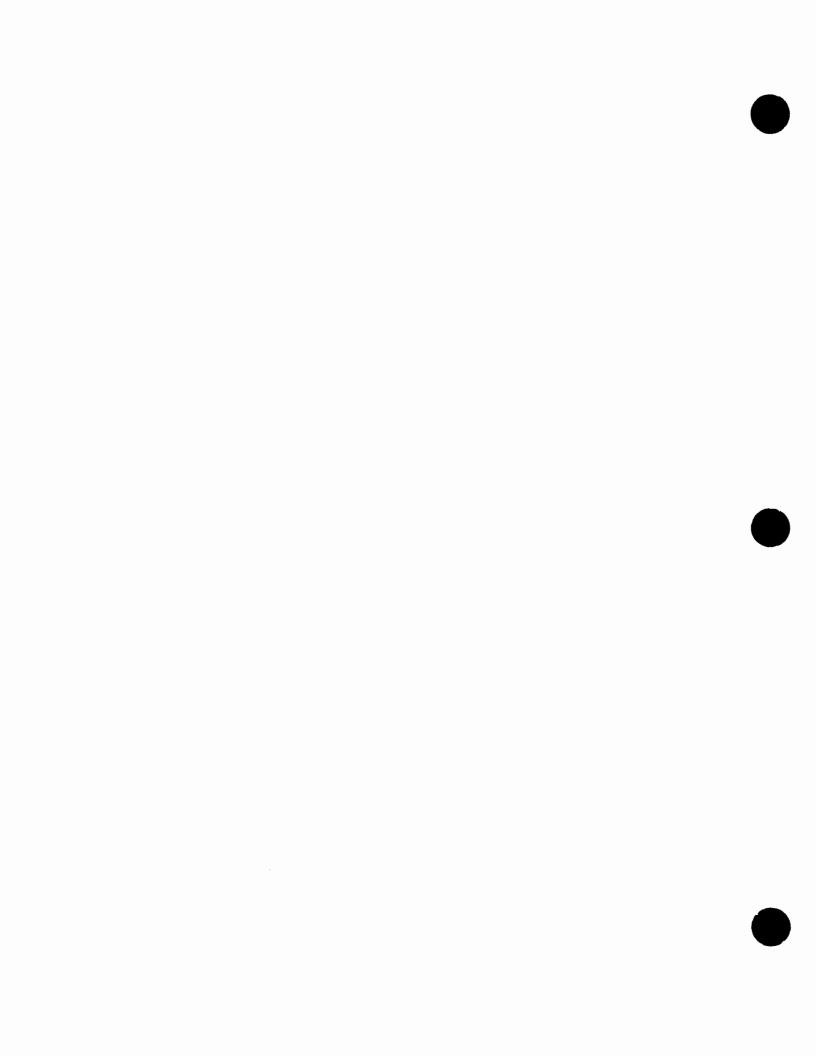
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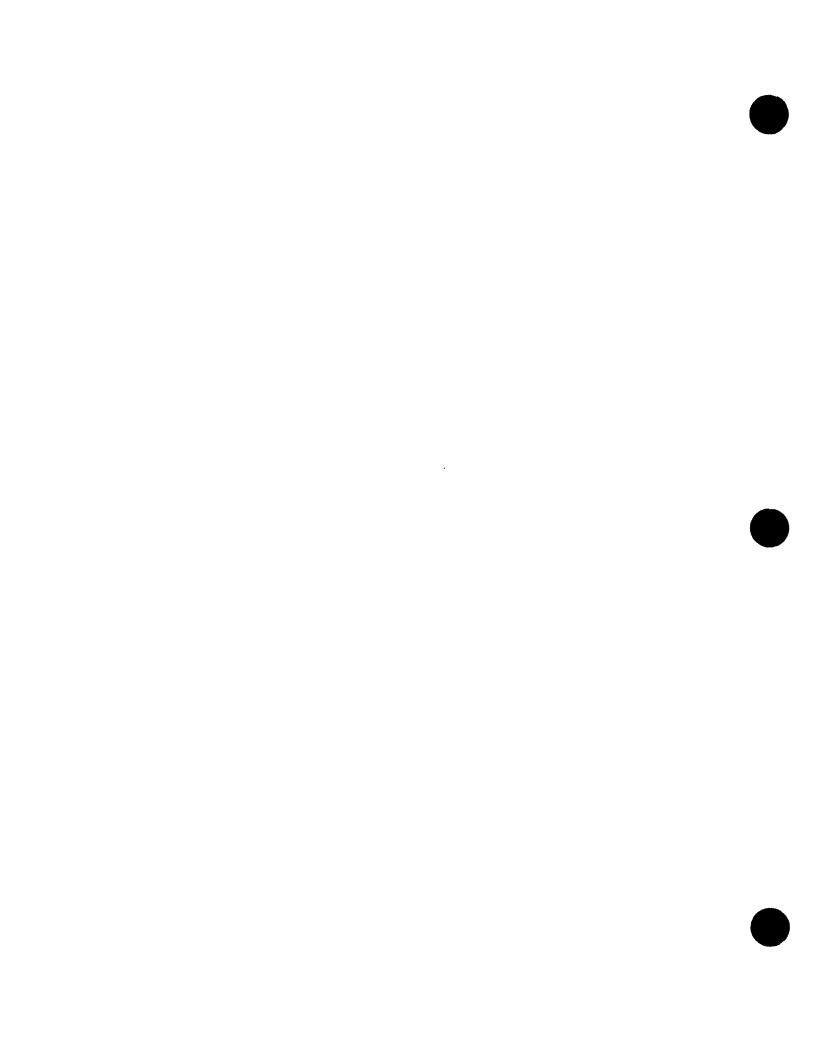


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