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Bill Analysis

SB 418 requires any institution run by the Department of Corrections or contracted with the Department to designate each multi-occupancy restroom, changing room, and sleeping quarters for the exclusive use of either females or males. No member of the opposite sex shall be allowed into such areas except for employees of the institution performing certain services. Such institutions may make reasonable accommodations for the use of such areas by elderly persons in need of aid or assistance or disabled persons, establish single-occupancy areas, and redesignate such rooms to members of the opposite sex. Any person who uses such a restroom who encounters a member of the opposite sex or is forced to share quarters with a member of the opposite sex shall have private cause of action for declaratory and injunctive relief against the Department or contracted entity. Such action must be initiated within 2 years of the alleged violation.

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