



Josh Stein, Governor

*State of North
Carolina*

GOVERNOR JOSH STEIN OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

House Bill 805: AN ACT TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE TWO SEXES IN NORTH CAROLINA, TO PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND MINORS, TO LIMIT THE USE OF STATE FUNDING, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO CIVIL REMEDIES FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES ON NON-MINORS, TO ALLOW STUDENTS WITH RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS TO BE EXCUSED FROM CERTAIN CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS OR ACTIVITIES, AND TO ALLOW PARENT ACCESS TO LIBRARY BOOKS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOL SLEEPING QUARTERS

The initial version of House Bill 805 protected people from being exploited on pornographic websites against their will. I strongly support that policy, which is a continuation of my work to protect children from sex abuse, modernize our sex crime statutes to address artificial intelligence, and eliminate the largest backlog of untested rape kits in the country. Instead of preventing sexual exploitation, the General Assembly chooses to engage in divisive, job-killing culture wars. North Carolina has been down this road before, and it is a dead end. My faith teaches me that we are all children of God no matter our differences and that it is wrong to target vulnerable people, as this legislation does. I stand ready to work with the legislature when it gets serious about protecting people, instead of mean-spirited attempts to further divide us by marginalizing vulnerable North Carolinians.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

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Josh Stein
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 3RD day of July 2025, at 10:23 AM for reconsideration by that body.

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SECTION 3.4.(b) This section is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

SECTION 4.(a) G.S. 130A-118 reads as rewritten:

"§ 130A-118. Amendment of birth and death certificates.

...
(f) When the sex of a person is changed on an amended or new birth certificate issued under subsection (a) or (b)(4) of this section, the State Registrar shall attach the new certificate to the certificate of birth then on file and shall preserve both certificates as a multi-page document. The State Registrar shall forward a copy of the new certificate to the register of deeds of the county of birth. The register of deeds of the county of birth shall attach the new certificate to the copy of the certificate of birth on file. The register of deeds shall preserve both certificates as a multi-page document. Thereafter, when a certified copy of the certificate of birth of the person is issued, it shall be a copy of the multi-page document. The State Registrar shall adopt rules and policies to implement these requirements."

SECTION 4.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2025.

SECTION 4.1. If any section or provision of this act is declared unconstitutional or invalid by the courts, it does not affect the validity of this act as a whole or any part other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 5. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of June, 2025.



Rachel Hunt
President of the Senate



Destin Hall
Speaker of the House of Representatives

VETO



Josh Stein
Governor

Approved _____ m. this _____ day of _____, 2025

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