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REALITY

KS lawmakers pass restroom rules for government buildings

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Republican supermajorities in the Kansas Legislature passed a bill Wednesday evening barring people from using restrooms in government buildings that don’t align with their sex assigned at birth.

The legislation targeting transgender Kansans was adopt-

ed after a series of remarkable procedural maneuvers that circumvented all public input on key provisions of the bill, including a ban on multi-occupancy unisex restrooms and other private spaces.

The restrictions on restrooms, changing rooms and locker rooms would apply to all buildings owned by the state of Kansas, local governments, and school districts, as well as public

colleges and universities.

“Right now, anyone can walk in any bathroom. This is about making it really clear who can go in each restroom,” said Rep. Susan Humphries, a Wichita Republican who carried the bill on the House floor and cast it as an effort to protect the safety and privacy of women.

The bill contains another

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Kansas State Capitol building in Topeka, Kansas.



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Tom Homan, the Trump administration’s “border czar,” speaks to reporters Thursday at the Whipple Federal Building in Minneapolis. Homan described ICE’s actions on the streets of Minneapolis as an effort “to regain law and order.”

Homan says crackdown could ease with more access to jails

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Tom Homan, President Donald Trump’s border czar, said Thursday that the immigration crackdown in Minnesota could wind down if federal agents gained broader access to state jails, amid public outrage over

the administration’s policies.

“The withdrawal of law enforcement resources here is dependent upon cooperation,” Homan told reporters at a news conference outside Minneapolis. “As we see that cooperation happen, then the redeployment will happen,” he added.

Homan spoke as anger grew in Minnesota and beyond over the killings of two Americans, Alex Pretti and Renee Good, by

federal agents in separate shootings in Minneapolis this month as part of the crackdown. On Wednesday, Minnesota’s chief federal judge condemned the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency for violating nearly 100 court orders during its operation.

In his remarks, Homan presented himself as a pragmatist seeking common ground with Minnesota officials, who have

publicly butted heads with Trump. He conceded that not “everything that has been done here has been perfect” and said he had met with local officials, including Gov. Tim Walz.

In response to the public anger, Trump shook up the on-the-ground leadership of the federal immigration crackdown in Minnesota and put Homan in

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REALITY CHECK

GOP cancels high-profile speech with Missouri Supreme Court

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Republicans in the Missouri Senate, furious after the state Supreme Court struck down a

law designed to fight abortion access, refused to attend the annual State of the Judiciary address at the state Capitol Wednesday.

House Republican leaders, upon learning of the Senate’s

planned boycott, cancelled the event, a five-decade-old annual speech in which the Missouri Supreme Court’s chief justice lays out the court’s priorities and accomplishments.

The chaotic episode boiled

over on the Missouri Senate floor Wednesday morning when a pair of Republican senators excoriated the court over its unanimous decision, illustrating long-simmering tensions between Republican lawmakers and a judicial branch they consider to be too liberal.

In a 15-minute tirade, Sen. Rick Brattin, a Harrisonville Republican who sponsored the bill that was struck down, tore

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Former KCPS administrator to lead Independence district

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A familiar face in the Kansas City education landscape will return to lead the Independence school district starting this summer.

The Independence School Board moved unanimously Tuesday night to appoint Vickie Murillo as the district’s next superintendent.

In a news release, the Independence School District described Murillo’s approach to educational leadership as “visionary,” citing her “ability to collaborate with teachers, parents, and community members.”

Murillo, who grew up in Independence, will step into the district’s top role on July 1 for the 2026-2027 school year. She previously worked for Kansas City Public Schools for 30 years before moving in 2017 to become superintendent of a school district in western Iowa.

“I am committed to working tirelessly alongside our dedicated educators and staff,” Murillo said, “to ensure that every student receives a world-class education and has the opportunity to reach their full potential. I am also truly excited about the opportunity to come home.”

As KCPS’s chief academic and accountability officer, Murillo saw the district through its struggle to re-earn accreditation. The district officially became fully accredited in 2016, three months before Murillo’s departure.



Vickie Murillo

That following summer, she left Kansas City for Iowa, where she has been superintendent of the Council Bluffs Community School District for close to a decade.

Months after her move, Murillo was the subject of a whistleblower lawsuit by a KCPS teacher alleging that Murillo misused district funds from the East High School budget. The suit was dismissed with preju-

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