SENATE BILL No. 207

By Committee on Education

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AN ACT concerning education; relating to school districts and employees thereof; requiring parental consent for use of a student's pronouns; prohibiting schools from requiring use of an individual's pronouns over moral or religious objections; requiring school districts to adopt policies thereon.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) An employee or independent contractor of a school district shall not knowingly address, identify or refer to a student who is less than 18 years of age by a pronoun that differs from the pronoun that aligns with the student's biological sex unless the school district has received written permission from the student's parent or guardian.

- (b) A school district shall not require an employee or independent contractor of such school district to address, identify or refer to an individual by a pronoun that differs from the pronoun that aligns with the student's biological sex if doing so is contrary to the employee's or independent contractor's moral or religious convictions.
- (c) The school board of each school district shall adopt a policy to implement this section.
- (d) This section shall not be construed to prohibit any employee or independent contractor of a school district from discussing matters of public concern outside such employee's or independent contractor's official duties.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.