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Statehouse Rally, Public Hearing Set for Transgender Anti-Discrimination Bill

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Backers of a bill to include “gender identity” in the state’s anti-discrimination statute are holding a rally in Concord Wednesday in advance of a scheduled public hearing.

The measure - [House Bill 1319](#) - would expand protections for transgender people in areas of employment, housing and public accommodations. The state’s anti-discrimination law currently includes factors such as age, race, religion and national origin.

Last year, Republicans in the New Hampshire House [voted down](#) a similar bill, with opponents saying it could allow sexual predators to hide behind the expanded protections.

Supporters are rallying at 10:30 a.m. in front of the Legislative Office Building in Concord. A public hearing is set for 1 p.m.

In an interview with the *Union Leader*, Governor Chris Sununu [recently signaled his support](#) for the measure.

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