

# White House publishes rule limiting transgender rights in shelters

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The Trump administration [Friday](#) published its proposal that would allow temporary, emergency shelters or other facilities to establish their own policies to exclude transgender people and others based on gender identity.

**Why it matters:** The policy is part of a broader effort by the Trump administration to weaken protections for transgender people. The White House moved the proposal, introduced earlier this month, forward, despite the [Supreme Court ruling](#) that extends civil rights protections to transgender people.

"[Housing and Urban Development] has reconsidered its 2016 Rule and determined that providers should be allowed, as permitted by the Fair Housing Act, to consider biological sex in placement and accommodation decisions in single-sex facilities," the proposal says.

- "HUD believes that the 2016 Rule impermissibly restricted single-sex facilities in a way not supported by congressional enactment, minimized local control, burdened religious organizations, manifested privacy issues, and imposed regulatory burdens."

**What's next:** The rule is expected to go into effect after a 60-day comment period.

**The bottom line:** More than half of transgender people who used a homeless shelter reported they were harassed, according to a 2011 survey by the [National Center for Transgender Equality and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force](#).

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