

Ed secretary: Bathroom laws are 'hateful'

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BOSTON – Education Secretary John King Jr. called for so-called bathroom laws to be repealed on Monday, hinting that his department won't sit on its hands if schools ignore federal law protecting the rights of LGBT students.

"They're hateful laws and should be repealed," King said at a conference for education reporters.

Among other things, HB 1523 in Mississippi allows schools and employers to discriminate against people who are trans, while HB 2 in North Carolina requires state universities to bar trans students from using locker rooms or bathrooms corresponding with their gender identity. University of North Carolina officials have said they plan to abide by HB 2, but do not know how they are supposed to enforce it.

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