

interscholastic; intramural athletics; biological sex

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2003

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENACTING AND ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE PEOPLE OF A MEASURE RELATING TO
STUDENT ATHLETICS.

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1 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the
2 Senate concurring:

3 1. Under the power of the referendum, as vested in the Legislature,
4 the following measure, relating to student athletics, is enacted to become
5 valid as a law if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the Governor:

6 AN ACT

7 AMENDING SECTION 15-120.02, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING
8 TO STUDENT ATHLETICS.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

10 Section 1. Section 15-120.02, Arizona Revised Statutes,
11 is amended to read:

12 15-120.02. Interscholastic and intramural athletics;
13 designation of teams; biological sex;
14 designation of facilities; cause of action;
15 definitions

16 A. BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2027, each SCHOOL THAT
17 SPONSORS AN interscholastic or intramural athletic team ~~or sport~~
18 ~~that is sponsored by a public school or a private school whose~~
19 ~~students or teams compete against a public school~~ AND EACH
20 ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION THAT SPONSORS AN INTERSCHOLASTIC OR
21 INTRAMURAL SPORT shall ~~be~~ expressly ~~designated~~ DESIGNATE THE
22 ATHLETIC TEAM OR SPORT as one of the following, based on the
23 ~~biological~~ sex of the ~~students~~ ATHLETES who participate on the
24 ATHLETIC team or in the sport:

- 25 1. "Males", "men" or "boys".
- 26 2. "Females", "women" or "girls".
- 27 3. ~~"Coed"~~ "COEDUCATIONAL" or "mixed".

28 B. A SCHOOL OR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MAY NOT OPEN ANY
29 INTERSCHOLASTIC OR INTRAMURAL athletic ~~teams~~ TEAM or ~~sports~~
30 SPORT THAT IS designated for ~~"females"~~, ~~"women"~~ or ~~"girls"~~ ~~may~~
31 ~~not be open~~ to ~~students~~ ATHLETES of the male sex.

32 C. This section does not restrict the eligibility of any
33 ~~student~~ ATHLETE to participate in any interscholastic or
34 intramural athletic team or sport THAT IS ALIGNED WITH THE
35 ATHLETE'S SEX OR THAT IS designated as ~~being for "males", "men"~~
36 ~~or "boys" or designated as "coed"~~ "COEDUCATIONAL" or "mixed".

37 D. BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2027, IF A SCHOOL OR ATHLETIC
38 ASSOCIATION PROVIDES AND MAINTAINS RESTROOMS, LOCKER ROOMS,
39 SHOWER ROOMS OR OTHER PRIVATE SPACES THAT ARE INTEGRAL TO
40 ATHLETIC ENGAGEMENT, THE SCHOOL OR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION,
41 INCLUDING EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL OR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, MAY
42 NOT AUTHORIZE ANY INDIVIDUAL TO USE A RESTROOM, LOCKER ROOM,
43 SHOWER ROOM OR OTHER PRIVATE SPACE THAT IS NOT DESIGNATED FOR
44 THAT INDIVIDUAL'S SEX.

1 ~~D.~~ E. A government entity, ~~any~~ licensing ~~or~~
2 ORGANIZATION, accrediting organization or ~~any~~ athletic
3 association ~~or organization~~ may not entertain a complaint, open
4 an investigation or take any other adverse action against a
5 school OR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION for maintaining separate
6 interscholastic or intramural athletic teams or sports for
7 ~~students~~ ATHLETES of the female sex.

8 ~~E.~~ F. Any ~~student~~ ATHLETE who is deprived of an athletic
9 opportunity or suffers any direct or indirect harm as a result
10 of a school OR AN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION knowingly violating this
11 section has a private cause of action for injunctive relief,
12 damages and any other relief available under law against the
13 school OR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

14 ~~F.~~ G. Any ~~student~~ ATHLETE who is subject to retaliation
15 or another adverse action by a school or an athletic association
16 ~~or organization~~ as a result of reporting a violation of this
17 section to an employee or representative of the school or the
18 athletic association ~~or organization~~, or to any state or federal
19 agency with oversight of schools in this state, has a private
20 cause of action for injunctive relief, damages and any other
21 relief available under law against the school or the athletic
22 association ~~or organization~~.

23 ~~G.~~ H. Any school that suffers any direct or indirect
24 harm as a result of a violation of this section has a private
25 cause of action for injunctive relief, damages and any other
26 relief available under law against the government entity, ~~the~~
27 licensing ~~or~~ ORGANIZATION, accrediting organization or ~~the~~
28 athletic association ~~or organization~~.

29 ~~H.~~ I. All civil actions must be initiated within two
30 years after the alleged violation of this section occurred.
31 ~~A person~~ AN INDIVIDUAL or organization that prevails on a claim
32 brought pursuant to this section is entitled to monetary
33 damages, including damages for any psychological, emotional or
34 physical harm suffered, reasonable attorney fees and costs and
35 any other appropriate relief.

36 ~~I.~~ J. For the purposes of this section: ~~—~~

37 1. "ATHLETE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING A STUDENT,
38 WHO PARTICIPATES IN ANY INTERSCHOLASTIC OR INTRAMURAL ATHLETIC
39 TEAM OR SPORT.

40 2. "ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION" MEANS A LEAGUE, CORPORATION,
41 ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION THAT HAS A PRIMARY PURPOSE OF
42 SPONSORING OR ADMINISTERING EXTRACURRICULAR ATHLETIC CONTESTS
43 OR COMPETITIONS.

44 3. "School" means either:

1 ~~1.~~ (a) A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE school that provides
2 instruction in any combination of kindergarten programs or
3 grades one through twelve.

4 ~~2.~~ (b) An institution of higher education.

5 4. "SEX" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL'S BIOLOGICAL STATUS AS MALE
6 OR FEMALE AS RECORDED AT BIRTH ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S ORIGINAL
7 BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

8 Sec. 2. Severability

9 If a provision of this act or its application to any
10 person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not
11 affect other provisions or applications of the act that can be
12 given effect without the invalid provision or application, and
13 to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

14 Sec. 3. Short title

15 This act may be cited as the "Protect Girls' Sports in
16 Arizona Act".

17 2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the voters
18 at the next general election as provided by article IV, part 1, section 1,
19 Constitution of Arizona.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE FEBRUARY 23, 2026.

PASSED BY THE SENATE JUNE 12, 2026.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE JUNE 12, 2026.