

REFERENCE TITLE: interscholastic; intramural athletics; biological sex

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House of Representatives
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Introduced by
Representative Bliss

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

D. BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2027, IF A SCHOOL OR
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PROVIDES AND MAINTAINS RESTROOMS, LOCKER
ROOMS, SHOWER ROOMS OR OTHER PRIVATE SPACES THAT ARE INTEGRAL
TO ATHLETIC ENGAGEMENT, THE SCHOOL OR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION,
INCLUDING EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL OR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, MAY
NOT AUTHORIZE ANY INDIVIDUAL TO USE A RESTROOM, LOCKER ROOM,

1 SHOWER ROOM OR OTHER PRIVATE SPACE THAT IS NOT DESIGNATED FOR
2 THAT INDIVIDUAL'S SEX.

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

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

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

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

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

39 ~~I.~~ J. For the purposes of this section: ~~;~~

40 1. "ATHLETE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING A STUDENT,
41 WHO PARTICIPATES IN ANY INTERSCHOLASTIC OR INTRAMURAL ATHLETIC
42 TEAM OR SPORT.

1 2. "ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION" MEANS A LEAGUE, CORPORATION,
2 ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION THAT HAS A PRIMARY PURPOSE OF
3 SPONSORING OR ADMINISTERING EXTRACURRICULAR ATHLETIC CONTESTS
4 OR COMPETITIONS.

5 3. "School" means either:

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

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

10 4. "SEX" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL'S BIOLOGICAL STATUS AS
11 MALE OR FEMALE AS RECORDED AT BIRTH ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S
12 ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

13 Sec. 2. Severability

14 If a provision of this act or its application to any
15 person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does
16 not affect other provisions or applications of the act that
17 can be given effect without the invalid provision or
18 application, and to this end the provisions of this act are
19 severable.

20 Sec. 3. Short title

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

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