

## Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act

### Background

On Jan. 3, 2025, House Committee on Education and the Workforce Chairman Tim Walberg (R-MI) and Representative Greg Steube (R-FL) reintroduced [H.R. 28](#), the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act. The bill would amend Title IX, part of the Education Amendments of 1972, to generally prohibit schools from allowing transgender women and girls to participate in an athletic program or activity that is designated for women or girls. On Jan. 14, 2025, the bill passed in the House on a 218-206 vote, with two Democrats joining Republicans to pass the measure.

During the 118th Congress, the House passed the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act with a final vote of 219-203, split along party lines—the bill was not taken up by the Democratic-controlled Senate. With rapid House action on the bill and the new Senate Republican majority, ACE anticipates the bill will gain greater traction during the 119th Congress.

ACE has not yet determined a position on this bill.

### Summary

- H.R. 28 would amend Title IX to define the word “sex” as referring to reproductive biology and genetics at birth. The bill would thus prohibit colleges and universities, as well as elementary and secondary schools, from allowing transgender women and girls to participate in an athletic program or activity that is designated for women or girls.
- The bill would not prohibit schools from allowing students to train or practice together, so long as training or practice does not impact “opportunities or benefits” from a person whose biological sex is female.
- H.R. 28 would require the Government Accountability Office to produce a report on the opportunities and benefits to women and girls in single-sex sports, and the “psychological, developmental, participatory, and sociological” impact of allowing transgender women to participate.