

HB 170 -- SAVE WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT

SPONSOR: Seitz

This bill establishes the "Save Women's Sports Act".

This bill provides that, before the beginning of each school year, a parent of a student 17 years of age or younger, or a student 18 years of age or older, competing on an athletic team of a public or private school, or public or private postsecondary educational institution, shall sign an affidavit acknowledging the biological sex at birth of such student. The school or postsecondary institution must be notified within 30 days of any change in status of the biological sex of the student.

Athletic teams designated for females shall not be open to students of the male sex.

This bill establishes a cause of action for any student deprived of an athletic opportunity or that otherwise suffers any direct or indirect harm as a result of a violation of the provisions of this bill, or for any student who is subject to retaliation or other adverse action by a school or postsecondary institution as a result of reporting a violation of the provisions of this bill.

Neither the State Board of Education nor any school organization may entertain a complaint, conduct an investigation, or otherwise take any adverse action against a school or postsecondary institution for maintaining athletic teams or sports for students of the female sex under the provisions of this bill. Any school or postsecondary institution that suffers direct or indirect harm from such action shall have a cause of action against the State Board of Education or school organization.

Causes of action shall be initiated within two years after such harm has occurred.