

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0060

Student eligibility in sports-amendments.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; amending student eligibility
2 requirements in interscholastic activities; specifying
3 requirements for the University of Wyoming and community
4 colleges for student eligibility; prohibiting participation
5 in athletic activities as specified; providing definitions;
6 repealing alternate procedures for determining student
7 eligibility; making conforming amendments; and providing
8 for effective dates.

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10 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-25-103 is created to read:

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1 **21-25-103. Participation in female sports;**
2 **violations; remedies.**

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4 (a) Any student or a parent or guardian of a student
5 who is harmed by a violation of this chapter shall have a
6 private cause of action for injunctive relief, damages,
7 attorney fees and any other relief available under law
8 against the school, government entity, licensing or
9 accrediting organization, athletic association or athletic
10 organization violating this chapter.

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12 (b) Any school that suffers any direct or indirect
13 harm as a result of a violation of this chapter shall have
14 a private cause of action for injunctive relief, damages,
15 attorney fees and any other relief available under law
16 against the government entity, licensing or accrediting
17 organization, athletic association or athletic organization
18 violating this chapter.

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20 (c) A civil action commenced under this section shall
21 be brought not later than two (2) years after the violation
22 of this chapter occurred.

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1 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-25-101(a)(iii) and by creating new
2 paragraphs (v) through (viii) and 21-25-102(a)(intro), (b),
3 (c), (d)(i), (ii), (e) and by creating a new subsection (g)
4 are amended to read:

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6 **21-25-101. Definitions.**

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8 (a) As used in this chapter:

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10 (iii) "School" means a school consisting of
11 grades ~~seven (7)~~ kindergarten (K) through 12 (twelve), or
12 any combination of grades within this range, ~~as determined~~
13 ~~by the plan of organization by the school district board of~~
14 ~~trustees~~ or an institution of higher education;

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16 (v) "Athletic activity" means an interscholastic
17 or intramural athletic team or sport that is sponsored by a
18 school or an organization of which the school is a member;

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20 (vi) "Female" means a person who naturally has,
21 had, will have or would have, but for a congenital anomaly
22 or intentional or unintentional disruption, the

1 reproductive system that, at some point, produces,
2 transports and utilizes eggs for fertilization;

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4 (vii) "Institution of higher education" means
5 the University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges;

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7 (viii) "Male" means a person who naturally has,
8 had, will have or would have, but for a congenital anomaly
9 or intentional or unintentional disruption, the
10 reproductive system that, at some point, produces,
11 transports and utilizes sperm for fertilization.

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13 **21-25-102. Participation in school athletic**
14 **activities.**

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16 (a) A public school or a private school that competes
17 against a public school shall expressly designate ~~school~~
18 each athletic ~~activities and teams activity~~ as one (1) of
19 the following based on sex:

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21 (b) A student of the male sex shall not compete, and
22 a ~~public~~-school shall not allow a student of the male sex

1 to compete, in an athletic activity ~~or team~~ designated for
2 students of the female sex.

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4 (c) A government entity or licensing or accrediting
5 organization shall not entertain a complaint, open an
6 investigation or take any other adverse action against a
7 school described in subsection (a) of this section for
8 maintaining separate ~~school~~ athletic activities ~~and teams~~
9 for students of the female sex.

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11 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to:

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13 (i) Restrict the eligibility of any student to
14 participate in any ~~interscholastic~~ athletic activity
15 designated for students of the male sex or designated as
16 coed or mixed; or

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18 (ii) Prohibit a school from permitting males to
19 train or practice with an ~~interscholastic~~ athletic activity
20 that is designated for females so long as no female is
21 deprived of a roster spot on a team ~~or sport~~ for an
22 athletic activity, opportunity to participate in a practice
23 or competition, scholarship, admission to an educational

1 institution or any other benefit that accompanies
2 participating in the ~~interscholastic~~ athletic activity.

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4 (e) A government entity, any licensing or any
5 athletic association shall not entertain or consider a
6 complaint, open an investigation, retaliate or take any
7 adverse action against:

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9 (i) A school for maintaining separate athletic
10 ~~teams or sports~~ activities for students of the female sex;
11 or

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13 (ii) A student if the student or the parent or
14 guardian of a student requests a contested case pursuant to
15 subsection (f) of this section or that reports a violation
16 of this section to an employee or representative of the
17 school or athletic association or to any state or federal
18 agency with oversight of the school.

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20 (g) No school shall participate in any athletic
21 activity designated for students of the female sex with or
22 against a team that the school knows or, to a reasonable

1 degree of certainty believes, has on the team a student of
2 the male sex.

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4 **Section 3.** W.S. 16-4-405(a)(xiii), 21-25-101(a)(ii)
5 and 21-25-201 through 21-25-204 are repealed.

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7 **Section 4.** Not later than July 1, 2025, the
8 University of Wyoming and each Wyoming community college
9 shall take all actions necessary to implement this act.

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11 **Section 5.**

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13 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
14 section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

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16 (b) Sections 4 and 5 of this act are effective
17 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a
18 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of
19 the Wyoming Constitution.

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21 (END)