SENATE FILE NO. SF0051

Fairness in women's sports act.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Schuler, French, Hutchings,
Salazar and Steinmetz and Representative(s)
Gray, Haroldson and Jennings

A BILL

for

- 1 AN ACT relating to school sports; prohibiting biological
- 2 males from athletic teams and sports designated for females
- 3 in public schools; establishing related causes of action as
- 4 specified; requiring rulemaking; and providing for
- 5 effective dates.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-25-101 through 21-25-103 are

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10 created to read:

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- 12 CHAPTER 25
- 13 FAIRNESS IN WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT

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15 **21-25-101.** Short title.

1 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the 2 3 "Fairness in Women's Sports Act." 4 21-25-102. Designation of athletic teams or sports. 5 6 7 (a) Interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural or 8 club athletic teams or sports that are sponsored by a public primary or public secondary school, a public 9 any school or 10 institution of higher education or 11 institution whose students or teams compete against a 12 public school or public institution of higher education must be expressly designated as one (1) of the following 13 based on the biological sex at birth of team members: 14 15 16 (i) Males, men or boys; 17 18 (ii) Females, women or girls; or 19 20 (iii) Coed or mixed, including both males and females. 21

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1	(b)	Athletic	teams	or	sports	designated	for	females

- 2 women or girls shall not be open to students of the male
- 3 sex.

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- 5 (c) For purposes of this chapter, a statement of a
- 6 student's biological sex on the student's official birth
- 7 certificate is considered to have correctly stated the
- 8 student's biological sex at birth if the statement was
- 9 filed at or near the time of the student's birth.

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- 11 (d) No government entity, licensing or accreditation
- 12 entity, athletic association or athletic organization shall
- 13 take any adverse action against a school district or
- 14 institution of higher education for maintaining separate
- 15 athletic teams or sports for students of the female sex.

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17 21-25-103. Cause of action; remedies.

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- 19 Any student who is harmed by a violation of this chapter or
- 20 who is subject to retaliation or any other adverse action
- 21 by a school district, athletic association or athletic
- 22 organization as a result of reporting a violation of this
- 23 chapter shall have a private cause of action for injunctive

1	relief,	damages,	attorney	fees	and	any	other	relief

- 2 available under law against the school district, athletic
- 3 association or athletic organization.

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- 5 Section 2. Not later than August 15, 2022, the state
- 6 superintendent of public instruction, the University of
- 7 Wyoming and the Wyoming community college commission shall
- 8 promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this act.

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10 Section 3.

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- 12 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of
- 13 this section, this act is effective July 1, 2022.

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- 15 (b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective
- 16 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a
- 17 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of
- 18 the Wyoming Constitution.

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