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To prohibit certain discrimination against athletes on the basis of sex by State athletic associations, intercollegiate athletic associations, and covered institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

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Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fair Play for Women
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) More than 50 years ago, Congress passed
2 title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (re-
3 ferred to in this section as “title IX”), helping to
4 transform participation in and support for women’s
5 sports by barring discrimination on the basis of sex
6 in all schools that receive Federal funding, including
7 in their athletic programs.

8 (2) Since the passage of title IX, millions more
9 women and girls have had the opportunity to com-
10 pete in school-based athletics. In high school ath-
11 letics, athletic participation opportunities have in-
12 creased from nearly 300,000 in 1972 to more than
13 3,400,000 in 2019. In intercollegiate athletics, op-
14 portunities have increased from nearly 30,000 in
15 1972 to 215,000 in 2020 on teams sponsored by in-
16 stitutions who are members of the National Colle-
17 giate Athletic Association (referred to in this section
18 as the “NCAA”).

19 (3) Despite progress, women and girls still face
20 unequal opportunities and unfair treatment in
21 school-based athletics. In high school athletics, girls
22 have over 1,000,000 fewer athletic opportunities
23 than boys, with schools providing girls with 43 per-
24 cent of all athletic opportunities while girls represent
25 nearly half of all students. In intercollegiate ath-

1 letics, colleges would need to provide women with an
2 additional 148,000 sports opportunities to match the
3 same ratio of sports opportunities per student as is
4 offered to men. Overall, girls still do not have the
5 participation opportunities provided to boys before
6 the enactment of title IX, over 50 years ago.

7 (4) Girls of color are often most impacted by
8 unequal resources and unfair treatment. At high
9 schools predominantly attended by white students,
10 girls have 82 percent of the opportunities that boys
11 have to play sports, while at high schools predomi-
12 nantly attended by students of color, girls have only
13 67 percent of the opportunities that boys have to
14 play sports.

15 (5) As part of title IX athletics requirements,
16 schools can show they are compliant by providing
17 athletic participation opportunities for men and
18 women that are substantially proportionate to their
19 respective enrollment rates. Yet, a Government Ac-
20 countability Office report from 2024 found that 93
21 percent of all colleges had athletic participation rates
22 for women that were lower than their enrollment
23 rate at the colleges. At 63 percent of colleges, wom-
24 en's athletic participation rates were at least 10 per-
25 centage points lower than their enrollment rates.

1 Overall, the athletic participation rate for collegiate
 2 women was 14 percent less than their enrollment
 3 rate. Despite widespread noncompliance with title IX
 4 athletics requirements, no college has ever had Fed-
 5 eral funding rescinded nor been sued by the Federal
 6 government for noncompliance.

7 (6) The magnitude of current gaps in intercolle-
 8 giate athletics participation opportunities is likely
 9 undercounted, as investigations of intercollegiate
 10 athletics data have found that the majority of NCAA
 11 member institutions inflate the number of women
 12 participating in sports by double- and triple-counting
 13 women athletes who participate in more than one
 14 sport more often than the institutions double- and
 15 triple-count their counterparts who are men, count-
 16 ing men who are practice players on women's teams
 17 as women athletes, and packing women's teams with
 18 extra players who never end up competing.

19 (7) Women and girls in sports also face unfair
 20 treatment. They are frequently provided worse facili-
 21 ties, equipment, and uniforms than men and boys,
 22 and they receive less financial support and publicity
 23 from their schools. In the 2019–2020 academic year,
 24 women received \$252,000,000 less than men in ath-
 25 letic-based scholarships, and for every dollar colleges

1 spent on recruiting, travel, and equipment for men's
2 sports, they spent 58 cents, 62 cents, and 73 cents,
3 respectively, for women's sports.

4 (8) Amid ongoing unfair treatment, athletes
5 and athletics-related staff too often are unaware of
6 the rights and obligations provided by title IX. In
7 surveys of children and their parents, the majority
8 report not knowing what title IX is. A study con-
9 ducted by the Government Accountability Office in
10 2017 found that most high school athletic adminis-
11 trators were unaware of who their title IX coordi-
12 nator was or felt unsupported by their title IX coor-
13 dinator. In intercollegiate athletics, most coaches re-
14 port that they never received formal training about
15 title IX as part of the preparation for their jobs.

16 **SEC. 3. PURPOSES.**

17 The purposes of this Act are to—

18 (1) address unfair and discriminatory treatment
19 of women and girls in sports in elementary and sec-
20 ondary schools, as well as institutions of higher edu-
21 cation;

22 (2) improve the collection and transparency of
23 data pertaining to participation in and support for
24 women's and girls' sports at schools receiving Fed-
25 eral financial assistance;

1 (3) ensure all students participating in ath-
 2 letics, as well as those who work in school-sponsored
 3 athletics, are aware of and understand the non-
 4 discrimination rights of students related to their
 5 athletic opportunities; and

6 (4) ensure all students have equal access to
 7 high-quality and supportive athletic opportunities.

8 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

9 In this Act:

10 (1) **ESEA TERMS.**—The terms “elementary
 11 school” and “secondary school” have the meanings
 12 given those terms in section 8101 of the Elementary
 13 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
 14 7801).

15 (2) **COLLEGIATE.**—The term “collegiate”, used
 16 with respect to athletics, means intramural and club-
 17 level athletics or other athletics, in which all partici-
 18 pants attend the same covered institution of higher
 19 education.

20 (3) **COVERED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU-**
 21 **CATION.**—The term “covered institution of higher
 22 education” means an entity that is described in sec-
 23 tion 908(2)(A) of the Education Amendments of
 24 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1687(2)(A)) and covered by section
 25 908 of those Amendments (20 U.S.C. 1687).

1 (4) COVERED LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—

2 The term “covered local educational agency” means
3 such an agency that is described in section
4 908(2)(B) of the Education Amendments of 1972
5 (20 U.S.C. 1687(2)(B)) and covered by section 908
6 of those Amendments.

7 (5) INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIA-

8 TION.—The term “intercollegiate athletic associa-
9 tion” means any conference, association, or other
10 group or organization, established by or comprised
11 of 2 or more covered institutions of higher edu-
12 cation, that—

13 (A) governs competitions among, or other-
14 wise exercises authority over intercollegiate ath-
15 letics at, such institutions of higher education
16 who are members of or under the authority of
17 the intercollegiate athletic association; and

18 (B) is engaged in commerce or an industry
19 or activity affecting commerce.

20 (6) STATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.—The term

21 “State athletic association” means any association,
22 organization, or other group, established by or com-
23 prised of 2 or more elementary schools or secondary
24 schools that receive Federal funding, that governs
25 competition among or otherwise exercises authority

over elementary school, secondary school, or interscholastic athletics, at such federally funded elementary schools or secondary schools.

(7) TITLE IX COORDINATOR.—The term “title IX coordinator” means the individual who coordinates the efforts of a covered school system to comply with and carry out the responsibilities of the covered local educational agency under title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.).

**SEC. 5. DISCRIMINATION BY STATE AND INTERCOLLEGIATE
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS, LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES, AND COVERED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

(a) ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL.—No State athletic association or covered local educational agency shall, on the basis of sex, subject any athlete to discrimination with respect to elementary school, secondary school, or interscholastic athletics, including discrimination through—

(1) the rules it sets for elementary school, secondary school, or interscholastic athletics;

(2) the sports—

(A) required for membership in a State athletic association;

1 (B) competitions sponsored by the State
 2 athletic association or covered local educational
 3 agency, respectively; or

4 (C) championships sponsored by that asso-
 5 ciation or agency; or

6 (3) the location, facilities, or amenities provided
 7 for competitions or championships sponsored by that
 8 association or agency.

9 (b) HIGHER EDUCATION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—No intercollegiate athletic
 11 association or covered institution of higher education
 12 shall, on the basis of sex, subject any athlete to dis-
 13 crimination with respect to intercollegiate or (subject
 14 to paragraph (2)) collegiate athletics, including dis-
 15 crimination through—

16 (A) the rules it sets for intercollegiate ath-
 17 letics or collegiate athletics;

18 (B) the sports—

19 (i) required for membership in an
 20 intercollegiate athletic association, or re-
 21 quired for participation in collegiate ath-
 22 letics at a covered institution of higher
 23 education;

24 (ii) competitions sponsored by the
 25 intercollegiate athletic association, or colle-

1 giate athletic competitions sponsored by
2 the covered institution of higher education;
3 or

4 (iii) championships sponsored by the
5 intercollegiate athletic association, or colle-
6 giate athletic championships sponsored by
7 the covered institution of higher education;

8 (C) the location, facilities, or amenities
9 provided for competitions or championships
10 sponsored by the intercollegiate athletic associa-
11 tion, or for collegiate athletic competitions or
12 championships sponsored by the institution;

13 (D) the provision or arrangement for the
14 provision of goods or services (including bene-
15 fits) for competitions or championships spon-
16 sored by the intercollegiate athletic association,
17 or for collegiate athletic competitions or cham-
18 pionships sponsored by such an institution; or

19 (E) the distribution of revenues or other
20 benefits to members of or such institutions
21 under the authority of the intercollegiate ath-
22 letic association, or to teams, clubs, or other en-
23 tities participating in collegiate athletics at the
24 institution.

1 (2) LIMITATION.—Only a covered institution of
 2 higher education may be considered to have com-
 3 mitted a violation of paragraph (1) with respect to
 4 collegiate athletics.

5 (c) PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—An individual who seeks to
 7 participate, participates, or previously participated
 8 in athletics covered under subsection (a) or (b), of-
 9 fered under the authority of an intercollegiate ath-
 10 letic association or State athletic association, or by
 11 a covered institution of higher education or covered
 12 local educational agency, may bring an action in any
 13 Federal or State court of competent jurisdiction
 14 against the athletic association, institution, or agen-
 15 cy involved, alleging a violation of this section.

16 (2) RELIEF.—The court may award all legal or
 17 equitable relief that may be appropriate for such a
 18 violation. The legal relief may include compensatory
 19 damages for all injuries, including financial injuries,
 20 unequal treatment, emotional distress, humiliation,
 21 and pain and suffering, as well as punitive damages,
 22 attorney’s fees, and expert fees.

23 (d) TRAINING.—

24 (1) ASSOCIATIONS.—Each State athletic asso-
 25 ciation or intercollegiate athletic association shall en-

1 sure that each employee of the State athletic asso-
 2 ciation or intercollegiate athletic association receives,
 3 at least once per year, training on the provisions of
 4 this section, including the rights delineated under
 5 this section and the procedures for bringing actions
 6 under this section.

7 (2) COVERED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDU-
 8 CATION.—Each covered institution of higher edu-
 9 cation shall ensure that each employee of the institu-
 10 tion with an employment function relating to colle-
 11 giate athletics receives, at least once per year, such
 12 training.

13 (3) COVERED LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—
 14 Each covered local educational agency shall ensure
 15 that each employee of the local educational agency
 16 with an employment function relating to athletics re-
 17 ceives, at least once per year, such training.

18 **SEC. 6. EXPANDING ATHLETICS DISCLOSURE REQUIRE-**
 19 **MENTS.**

20 (a) INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—Section
 21 485(g) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
 22 1092(g)) is amended—

23 (1) in paragraph (1)—

24 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

25 (A)—

1 (i) by inserting “collegiate (including
 2 intramural and club-level) or” before
 3 “intercollegiate athletic program”; and

4 (ii) by inserting “collegiate and” be-
 5 fore “intercollegiate athletics”;

6 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking
 7 clause (i) and inserting the following:

8 “(i) The total number of participants,
 9 by team.”;

10 (C) in subparagraph (C)—

11 (i) by striking “The total amount”
 12 and inserting the following: “(i) The total
 13 amount”; and

14 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
 15 lowing:

16 “(ii) For each men’s and women’s inter-
 17 collegiate sport—

18 “(I) the total amount of athletically
 19 related student aid;

20 “(II) the total number of athletically
 21 related scholarships, and the average
 22 amount of such scholarships;

23 “(III) the total number of athletically
 24 related scholarships that fund the full cost
 25 of tuition at the institution;

1 “(IV) the total number of athletically
 2 related scholarships that fund the full cost
 3 of attendance for the athlete;

4 “(V) the total number of athletically
 5 related scholarships awarded for a period
 6 equal to or less than one year; and

7 “(VI) the total number of athletically
 8 related scholarships awarded for a period
 9 equal to or greater than 4 academic
 10 years.”;

11 (D) in subparagraph (E), by inserting
 12 “and disaggregated by each men’s sport and
 13 each women’s sport” before the period at the
 14 end;

15 (E) in subparagraph (G), by inserting
 16 “(which, for purposes of this subparagraph, in-
 17 cludes compensation, bonuses, benefits, and
 18 buyouts paid to coaches and reportable by the
 19 institution or related entities, including booster
 20 clubs and foundations)” before “of the head
 21 coaches of men’s teams”;

22 (F) in subparagraph (H), by inserting
 23 “(which, for purposes of this subparagraph, in-
 24 cludes compensation, bonuses, benefits, and
 25 buyouts paid to coaches and reportable by the

1 institution or related entities, including booster
 2 clubs and foundations)” before “of the assistant
 3 coaches of men’s teams”;

4 (G) in subparagraph (I)—

5 (i) by striking clause (i) and inserting
 6 the following: “(i) The revenues from the
 7 institution’s intercollegiate athletics activi-
 8 ties, in the aggregate and disaggregated by
 9 each men’s sport and each women’s sport,
 10 including—

11 “(I) total revenues; and

12 “(II) each category of revenues de-
 13 scribed in clause (ii).”; and

14 (ii) in clause (ii)—

15 (I) by inserting “collegiate and”
 16 before “intercollegiate”; and

17 (II) by striking “, and adver-
 18 tising, but revenues” and all that fol-
 19 lows through the period at the end
 20 and inserting “, advertising, and, to
 21 the extent practicable, student activi-
 22 ties fees and alumni contributions.”;

23 (H) by striking clause (i) of subparagraph

24 (J) and inserting the following: “(i) The ex-
 25 penses made by the institution for the institu-

tion’s intercollegiate athletics activities, in the aggregate and disaggregated by each men’s sport and each women’s sport, including—

“(I) total expenses; and

“(II) each category of expenses as described in clause (ii).”; and

(I) by adding at the end the following:

“(K) The numbers of participants who participate in 1, 2, or 3 intercollegiate sports at the institution, in the aggregate and disaggregated by each men’s sport and each women’s sport.

“(L) The total number of men that practice on women’s intercollegiate teams, in the aggregate and disaggregated by each women’s sport.

“(M) Information regarding race and ethnicity for athletes and coaches (including assistant coaches), in the aggregate and disaggregated by each men’s sport and each women’s sport.

“(N) The number of male students, and the number of female students, participating in collegiate (including intramural and club) sports at the institution.

1 “(O) A certification that the institution
2 has verified the information submitted in the
3 report under this paragraph.

4 “(P) With respect to the sports participa-
5 tion opportunities requirements under title IX
6 of the Education Amendments of 1972—

7 “(i) a certification that the institution
8 complies with such requirements by show-
9 ing—

10 “(I) substantial proportionality;

11 “(II) a history and continuing
12 practice of expanding sports participa-
13 tion opportunities; or

14 “(III) full and effective accommo-
15 dation of athletics interests; and

16 “(ii) an identification of the method of
17 compliance described in subclauses (I)
18 through (III) of clause (i) that the institu-
19 tion uses.”;

20 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “For the pur-
21 poses of paragraph (1)(G)” and inserting “For the
22 purposes of subparagraphs (G) and (H) of para-
23 graph (1)”;

24 (3) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the
25 following:

1 “(4) SUBMISSION; REPORT; INFORMATION
2 AVAILABILITY.—

3 “(A) INSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—

4 Each institution of higher education described
5 in paragraph (1) shall—

6 “(i) by October 15 of each year, pro-
7 vide the information contained in the re-
8 port required under such paragraph for
9 such year to the Secretary; and

10 “(ii) by not later than February 15 of
11 each year, publish such information on a
12 public Internet website of the institution in
13 a searchable format.

14 “(B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—By not later
15 than February 15 of each year, the Secretary
16 shall make the reports and information de-
17 scribed in subparagraph (A) for the imme-
18 diately preceding academic year available to the
19 public, which shall include posting the reports
20 and information on a public Internet website of
21 the Department in a searchable format.”;

22 (4) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-
23 graph (6);

24 (5) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
25 lowing:

1 “(5) REPORTS BY THE SECRETARY.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—By not later than 2
3 years after the date of enactment of the Fair
4 Play for Women Act, and every 2 years there-
5 after, the Secretary shall prepare and publish a
6 report on gender equity using the information
7 submitted under this subsection.

8 “(B) CONTENTS.—The report required
9 under subparagraph (A) shall, in the aggregate
10 for all institutions of higher education described
11 in paragraph (1) and disaggregated by each in-
12 dividual institution—

13 “(i) identify participant gaps, if any,
14 by indicating the number of participants
15 that need to be added in order for partici-
16 pants of the underrepresented sex at the
17 institution to match the proportion of en-
18 rolled full-time undergraduate students of
19 the underrepresented sex at the institution;

20 “(ii) identify funding gaps, if any, by
21 showing the percentage differences, com-
22 pared to proportions of enrollment of men
23 and women at the institution, in expendi-
24 tures for athletically related student aid,

1 recruiting, promotion, and publicity in
 2 intercollegiate athletics; and

3 “(iii) identify any trends evident in
 4 such data that address relevant inequities
 5 in intercollegiate athletics participation and
 6 financial support.”; and

7 (6) in paragraph (6), as redesignated by para-
 8 graph (4)—

9 (A) by striking “DEFINITION.—For the
 10 purposes of this subsection, the term” and in-
 11 serting the following: “DEFINITIONS.—For pur-
 12 poses of this subsection:

13 “(A) OPERATING EXPENSES.—The term”;
 14 and

15 (B) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(B) PARTICIPANT.—The term ‘partici-
 17 pant’ means an athlete in a sport who—

18 “(i)(I) is receiving the institutionally
 19 sponsored support normally provided to
 20 athletes competing at the institution in-
 21 volved on a regular basis during the sport’s
 22 season;

23 “(II) is participating in organized
 24 practice sessions and other team meetings

and activities on a regular basis during the
sport's season; and

“(III) is listed on the eligibility or
squad list maintained for the sport; or

“(ii) due to injury, does not meet the
requirements of clause (i) but continues to
receive financial aid on the basis of athletic
ability in the sport.

“(C) SEASON.—The term ‘season’, when
used with respect to an intercollegiate team
sport, means the period beginning on the date
of a team's first intercollegiate competitive
event in an academic year and ending on the
date of the team's final intercollegiate competi-
tive event in such academic year.”.

(b) ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SECONDARY SCHOOL
ATHLETIC PROGRAMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subpart 2 of part F of title
VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education
Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7901 et seq.) is amended by
adding at the end the following:

**“SEC. 8549D. DISCLOSURE OF STATISTICS ON EQUALITY IN
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
ATHLETIC PROGRAMS.**

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) PARTICIPANT.—The term ‘participant’
 2 means an athlete in a sport who participates in the
 3 sport in elementary school, secondary school, or
 4 interscholastic competitive events, organized practice
 5 sessions, and other team meetings and activities on
 6 a regular basis during the sport’s season.

7 “(2) SEASON.—The term ‘season’, when used
 8 with respect to a team sport, means the period be-
 9 ginning on the date of a team’s first athletic com-
 10 petition in an academic year and ending on the date
 11 of the team’s final interscholastic athletic competi-
 12 tion in such academic year.

13 “(3) STATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.—The
 14 term ‘State athletic association’ has the meaning
 15 given the term in section 4 of the Fair Play for
 16 Women Act.

17 “(b) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall collect annu-
 18 ally, from each coeducational elementary school and sec-
 19 ondary school that receives Federal financial assistance
 20 and has an athletic program, a report that includes the
 21 following information for the immediately preceding aca-
 22 demic year:

23 “(1) The total number of students that at-
 24 tended the school, fully disaggregated and cross-tab-
 25 ulated by sex and race or ethnicity.

1 “(2) A listing of the school’s teams that com-
2 peted in athletic competition and for each such team
3 the following data:

4 “(A) The season in which the team com-
5 peted.

6 “(B) The total number of participants,
7 fully disaggregated and cross-tabulated by sex
8 and race or ethnicity and level of competition.

9 “(C) The total expenditures for the team
10 from all sources, including school funds and
11 funds provided by any other entities, such as
12 booster organizations, including the following
13 data:

14 “(i) The travel expenditures.

15 “(ii) The equipment expenditures (in-
16 cluding any equipment replacement sched-
17 ule).

18 “(iii) The uniform expenditures (in-
19 cluding any uniform replacement sched-
20 ule).

21 “(iv) The expenditures for facilities,
22 including medical facilities, locker rooms,
23 fields, and gymnasiums.

24 “(v) The total number of trainers and
25 medical personnel, and for each trainer or

1 medical personnel an identification of such
2 individual's—

3 “(I) sex; and

4 “(II) employment status (includ-
5 ing whether such individual is as-
6 signed to the team full-time or part-
7 time, and whether such individual is a
8 head or assistant trainer or medical
9 services provider) and duties other
10 than providing training or medical
11 services.

12 “(vi) The expenditures for publicity
13 for competitions.

14 “(vii) The total salary expenditures
15 for coaches, including compensation, bene-
16 fits, and bonuses, the total number of
17 coaches, and for each coach an identifica-
18 tion of such coach's—

19 “(I) sex; and

20 “(II) employment status (includ-
21 ing whether such coach is assigned to
22 the team full-time or part-time, and
23 whether such coach is a head or as-
24 sistant coach) and duties other than
25 coaching.

1 “(D) The total number of competitive
2 events (in regular and nontraditional seasons)
3 scheduled, and for each an indication of what
4 day of the week and time the competitive event
5 was scheduled.

6 “(E) Whether such team participated in
7 postseason competition, and the success of such
8 team in any postseason competition.

9 “(c) DISCLOSURE TO STUDENTS AND PUBLIC.—A
10 school described in subsection (b) shall—

11 “(1) by October 15 of each year, make available
12 to students, potential students, and parents of stu-
13 dents and potential students, upon request, and to
14 the public, the report and information required of
15 the school under such subsection for such year; and

16 “(2) ensure that all students and parents at the
17 school are informed of their right to request such re-
18 port and information.

19 “(d) SUBMISSION; INFORMATION AVAILABILITY.—
20 On an annual basis, each school described in subsection
21 (b) shall provide the report required under such sub-
22 section, and the information contained in such report, to
23 the Secretary not later than 15 days after the date that
24 the school makes such report and information available
25 under subsection (c).

1 “(e) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary
2 shall—

3 “(1) ensure that reports and information sub-
4 mitted under subsection (d) are available on the
5 same public website, and searchable in the same
6 manner, as the reports and information made avail-
7 able under section 485(g)(4)(B) of the Higher Edu-
8 cation Act of 1965; and

9 “(2) not later than 180 days after the date of
10 enactment of the Fair Play for Women Act—

11 “(A) notify all elementary schools, sec-
12 ondary schools, and State athletic associations
13 in all States regarding the availability of the re-
14 ports and information under subsection (c); and

15 “(B) issue guidance to all such elementary
16 schools, secondary schools, and State athletic
17 associations on how to collect and report the in-
18 formation required under this section.”.

19 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of
20 contents in section 2 of the Elementary and Sec-
21 ondary Education Act of 1965 is amended by insert-
22 ing after the item relating to section 8549C the fol-
23 lowing:

“Sec. 8549D. Disclosure of statistics on equality in elementary and secondary
education athletic programs.”.

1 **SEC. 7. TRAINING AND INFORMATION FOR ATHLETES AND**
 2 **EMPLOYEES.**

3 (a) TRAINING.—

4 (1) COVERED LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—

5 (A) EMPLOYEES.—Each covered local edu-
 6 cational agency shall ensure that each title IX
 7 coordinator, and each employee who works with
 8 athletics or teaches physical education or
 9 health, for the covered local educational agency
 10 receives, at least once per year, training on the
 11 rights under title IX of the Education Amend-
 12 ments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) of stu-
 13 dents at elementary schools or secondary
 14 schools, and procedures for submitting com-
 15 plaints of violations under title IX of the Edu-
 16 cation Amendments of 1972 to the Office for
 17 Civil Rights of the Department of Education.

18 (B) ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
 19 SCHOOL ATHLETES.—Each covered local edu-
 20 cational agency shall ensure that—

21 (i) a title IX coordinator for the cov-
 22 ered local educational agency provides
 23 training to athletes at elementary schools
 24 or secondary schools served by the covered
 25 local educational agency on the rights of
 26 the athletes under title IX of the Edu-

1 cation Amendments of 1972, and proce-
 2 dures for submitting complaints of viola-
 3 tions of that title to the Office for Civil
 4 Rights of the Department of Education;
 5 and

6 (ii) each such athlete receives that
 7 training at least once per year.

8 (2) COVERED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDU-
 9 CATION.—

10 (A) EMPLOYEES.—Each covered institu-
 11 tion of higher education shall ensure that each
 12 employee of the athletic department of the cov-
 13 ered institution of higher education and each
 14 employee of the institution with an employment
 15 function relating to collegiate athletics receives,
 16 at least once per year, training on the rights
 17 under title IX of the Education Amendments of
 18 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) of students at
 19 covered institutions of higher education, and
 20 procedures for submitting complaints of viola-
 21 tions of title IX of the Education Amendments
 22 of 1972 to the Office for Civil Rights of the De-
 23 partment of Education.

1 (B) POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL ATH-
 2 LETES.—Each covered institution of higher
 3 education shall ensure that—

4 (i) an expert in matters relating to
 5 title IX of the Education Amendments of
 6 1972, who is not an employee described in
 7 subparagraph (A) of the covered institu-
 8 tion of higher education, provides training
 9 to athletes at the covered institution of
 10 higher education on the rights of the ath-
 11 letes under title IX of the Education
 12 Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et
 13 seq.), and procedures for submitting com-
 14 plaints of violations of that title to the Of-
 15 fice for Civil Rights of the Department of
 16 Education; and

17 (ii) each such athlete receives that
 18 training at least once per year.

19 (b) DATABASE.—The Secretary of Education shall
 20 establish and maintain a database of title IX coordinators,
 21 which shall be separate from the civil rights coordinators
 22 data maintained by the Office for Civil Rights of the De-
 23 partment of Education. The database shall include, at a
 24 minimum, the name, phone number, and email address for
 25 each title IX coordinator. The Secretary shall make the

1 information in the database available to the public with,
 2 and by the same means as, reports made available under
 3 section 485(g)(4)(B) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
 4 (20 U.S.C. 1092(g)(4)(B)).

5 **SEC. 8. ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT THROUGH CIVIL**
 6 **PENALTIES.**

7 (a) NONCOMPLIANCE.—The Secretary of Education
 8 shall determine, at the beginning of each year, each cov-
 9 ered institution of higher education, covered local edu-
 10 cational agency, elementary school, or secondary school
 11 that was found during the prior year to be in noncompli-
 12 ance with a requirement of section 7, or of title IX of the
 13 Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.).
 14 Such administrative proceeding shall be conducted in the
 15 same manner as an administrative proceeding under sec-
 16 tion 902 of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20
 17 U.S.C. 1682).

18 (b) CIVIL PENALTY.—If the Secretary of Education
 19 determines under subsection (a) that a covered institution
 20 of higher education, covered local educational agency, ele-
 21 mentary school, or secondary school was in such non-
 22 compliance during the prior year, the Secretary may im-
 23 pose a civil penalty on such institution, agency, or school.

24 (c) FURTHER NONCOMPLIANCE.—If the Secretary of
 25 Education determines under subsection (a) that a covered

1 institution of higher education, covered local educational
 2 agency, elementary school, or secondary school was in such
 3 noncompliance during 2 or more of the prior 5 years, the
 4 Secretary shall—

5 (1) require such covered institution, covered
 6 local educational agency, elementary school, or sec-
 7 ondary school to submit, not later than 120 days
 8 after receiving notice of the determination, a plan
 9 for coming into compliance with all requirements of
 10 section 7, and of title IX of the Education Amend-
 11 ments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.); and

12 (2) make the report publicly available.

13 **SEC. 9. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

14 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to imply that
 15 intercollegiate athletic associations, State athletic associa-
 16 tions, covered institutions of higher education, or covered
 17 local educational agencies—

18 (1) are not covered by title IX of the Education
 19 Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.); or

20 (2) were not covered by that title on the day be-
 21 fore the date of enactment of this Act.

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