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Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1298

Introduced by

Representatives B. Koppelman, Meier, Paulson, Schauer, Skroch, Steiner, Vetter Senators Clemens, Kannianen, Myrdal

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 14-02.4 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to participation in athletic events exclusively for males or females.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 14-02.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Athletic events exclusively for males or exclusively for females.

- 1. The state, a political subdivision of the state, or an entity that receives public funding from the state or from a political subdivision of the state may not:
- a. Allow knowingly allow an individual of the opposite sex who is under eighteen years of age or who is enrolled in high school to participate on an athletic team sponsored or funded by the state, political subdivision, or entity and which is exclusively for females or exclusively for males.
 - b. Sponsor an athletic event exclusively for males or exclusively for females which allows participation by an individual of the opposite sex who is under eighteen years of age or who is enrolled in high school.
 - c. Use or permit to be used an athletic facility, stadium, field, structure, or other property owned by or under the control of the state, political subdivision, or entity for an athletic event conducted exclusively for males or exclusively for females in which an individual of the opposite sex who is under eighteen years of age or who is enrolled in high school is allowed to participate.
- 2. For purposes of this section, sex means an individual's biological sex and is based solely on an individual's reproductive biology and genetics at birth.
- 3. This section may not be construed to prohibit a female from participating in a school-sponsored athletic team or event that is exclusively for males.

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- 4. An individual who is deprived of an athletic opportunity or suffers direct or indirect
- 2 <u>harm as a result of a violation of this section has a private cause of action.</u>