

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB295

Patron: Peake

Bill Title: K-12 schools; student participation in women's sports; civil cause of action.

Bill Summary: Requires each interscholastic, intramural, or club athletic team or sport sponsored by a public school or any other school that is a member of the Virginia High School League to be expressly designated as one of the following based on the biological sex of the students who participate on the team or in the sport: (i) for males, men, or boys; (ii) for females, women, or girls; or (iii) for coed or mixed if participation on such team or sport is open to both males and females. The bill requires that the biological sex of any student seeking to participate on such an expressly designated team be affirmed by a signed physician's statement. The bill prohibits any such team or sport that is expressly designated for females from being open to students whose biological sex is male. The bill prohibits any government entity, licensing or accrediting organization, or athletic association or organization from entertaining a complaint, opening an investigation, or taking any other adverse action against any such school based on a violation of the provisions of the bill and creates a cause of action for any school that suffers harm as a result of a violation of the bill. Finally, the bill creates a civil cause of action for any student who suffers harm as a result of a knowing violation of a provision of the bill by a school or as a result of the student's reporting a violation of a provision of the bill by a school, athletic association, or organization.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Fiscal Summary: See below.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
None	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Analysis: The provisions of this bill place requirements on athletic teams or sports sponsored by local school divisions. Therefore, there is no anticipated state fiscal impact. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Other: Similar to HB1242, SB560.