

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF IDAHO
BOISE**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2024-08

DEFENDING WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT

WHEREAS, Title IX was signed into law in 1972 to provide fairness for female athletes in our country; and

WHEREAS, generations of women and men have worked hard to promote and advance women's sports in society, and Idaho is committed to upholding their hard work by protecting and defending women's sports in today's age; and

WHEREAS, many female athletes have dedicated themselves tirelessly to their sport since young ages and deserve to compete fairly with other female athletes; and

WHEREAS, biological males – men and boys – have innate physical differences that give them an unfair advantage when competing with women and girls, a fact that's just common sense; and

WHEREAS, continued federal overreach through the administrative state has been challenged and declared "fundamentally misguided" by the U.S. Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has continued to cut and simplify its administrative code while the Biden-Harris administration continues to make it more complicated, overreaching, and overbearing through the release of its new 1,500-plus page Title IX rules; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has passed multiple laws protecting the definition of man and woman, barring public funds for gender affirming care, protecting minors from harmful medical procedures and gender transitioning, and was the first state in the nation to protect females by passing our law on fairness in women's sports; and

WHEREAS, the Biden-Harris administration's radical redefinition of gender in the new 1,500 page rewrite of Title IX rules will jeopardize the great work we have done here in Idaho to protect our female students; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho will continue to push the Biden-Harris administration to adopt its own Red Tape Reduction Act rather than saddling our fellow states with foolish rules from the administrative state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brad Little, Governor of the State of Idaho, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of Idaho, hereby order the Idaho State Board of Education to:

- 1. Work with the Idaho State Department of Education to ensure public schools are properly following all of Idaho's laws related to fairness in women's sports and continue to update all public schools as the legal challenges to the new Title IX rules unfold; and*
- 2. Work to guarantee every female student in Idaho be provided equal opportunity in sports and school to the fullest extent as guaranteed to them under the original Title IX rules and Idaho law.*

With this Executive Order, I pledge the Idaho Governor's Office full support any pending or proposed legislation challenging the Biden-Harris administration's convoluted and unreasonable Title IX rules.



PHIL MCGRANE
SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 28th day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR