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By:  Perry, et al. S.B. No. 29

(Dutton, King of Hemphill)

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 29:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on sex and a study conducted by the University Interscholastic League on the effects of allowing a student to participate in an athletic competition designated for the sex opposite to the student's sex.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 33.0832 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.0832.  INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC COMPETITION BASED ON SEX. (a) In this section, "league" means the University Interscholastic League.

(b)  Except as provided by Subsection (c), an interscholastic athletic team sponsored or authorized by a school district or open-enrollment charter school may not allow a student to compete in an interscholastic athletic competition sponsored or authorized by the district or school that is designated for the sex opposite to the student's sex as correctly stated on:

(1)  the student's official birth certificate; or

(2)  if the student's official birth certificate is unobtainable, another government record.

(c)  An interscholastic athletic team described by Subsection (b) may allow a female student to compete in an interscholastic athletic competition that is designated for male students if a corresponding interscholastic athletic competition designated for female students is not offered or available.

(d)  The league shall conduct a study to determine if allowing a student to participate in an interscholastic athletic competition that is sponsored or authorized by a school district or open-enrollment charter school and is designated for the sex opposite to the student's sex:

(1)  causes disruptions among the student's interscholastic athletic team; or

(2)  restricts opportunities for students of the sex for which the competition is designated.

(e)  Not later than December 1, 2026, the league shall submit to the legislature a report on the results of the study conducted under Subsection (d) and any recommendations for legislative or other action.

(f)  The league shall adopt rules to implement this section, provided that the rules must be approved by the commissioner in accordance with Section 33.083(b).

(g)  This section expires September 1, 2027.

SECTION 2.  This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.