

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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INTRODUCER: Appropriations Committee; Education Committee; and Senators Hutson and Diaz

SUBJECT: Charter Schools

DATE: April 28, 2021

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 - 649221 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 maintains the provisions of Senate Amendment 357618 with additional provisions. Specifically, the amendment:

- Creates the Fairness in Women’s Sports Act with the intent of providing female athletes opportunities to demonstrate their skill, strength, and athletic abilities while also providing them with opportunities to obtain recognition and accolades, college scholarships, and the numerous other long-term benefits that result from participating in athletic endeavors.
- Requires interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural, or club athletic teams or sports sponsored by a public secondary school or public postsecondary institution to be designated as one of the following based on the biological sex at birth of team members:
 - Males, men, or boys;
 - Females, women, or girls; or
 - Coed or mixed.
- Specifies athletic teams or sports designated for males, men, or boys may be open to students of the female sex.
- Specifies athletic teams or sports designated for females, women, or girls may not be open to students of the male sex.
- Establishes that a statement of a student’s biological sex on the student’s official birth certificate is considered to have correctly stated the student’s biological sex if the statement was filed at or near the time of the student’s birth.
- Provides private causes of action for injunctive relief, damages, and any other relief available under law for students, schools, and public postsecondary institutions harmed by a violation of the bill’s provisions. All such civil actions must be brought within two years after the alleged harm occurred.