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Preserving Fairness and Safety in Sports

Madison – Today, Assembly Bill 377 authored by State Senator Dan Knodl (R – Germantown) passed the State Senate with a vote of 20-11. Assembly Bill 377 requires each K-12 school board, independent charter school, and private school participating in a parental choice program operating an interscholastic, intramural, or club athletic team or sport to designate the athletic team or sport as falling into one of three categories: female, male, or co-ed for the participating pupils.

“Organized sports are built on the principle of fair and safe competition. The movement to open girls’/women’s sports to biological males raises legitimate concerns about the inherent physical advantages that males tend to possess. These advantages include differences in muscle mass, bone density, metabolism rates, and lung capacity, which are already emergent by early adolescence. This disparity increases the risk of injury, which is why men's and women's sports have always been separated.

“In addition to concerns around safety, changing this arrangement becomes a serious matter when it limits opportunities for female athletes to succeed and advance in their chosen sports. Allowing biological males to participate in female sports could deny deserving female athletes the recognition, scholarships, and university admissions that come with athletic achievement. This is why we have Title IX protections, which exist to ensure equal opportunities for female athletes and to address these historical disparities.”

Assembly Bill 377 also passed the State Assembly and will be immediately sent to the governor’s desk.

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The 8th Senate District includes portions of Washington, Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Milwaukee Counties.