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Committee Passes Anti-Transgender Youth Bill

MADISON - Today, the Assembly Committee on Colleges & Universities took a vote on Assembly Bill 195 (AB 195) in Executive Session. AB 195 relates to preventing transgender youth from participating in college sports based on their identified gender. Representative Dianne Hesselbein, the ranking Democrat on the committee, made the following comments on the passage of AB 195:

"It is harmful to people in our state that this bill is being taken up today, especially as we celebrate the second day of Pride Month. In Wisconsin, we want to have a welcoming community, one that cherishes diversity and is inclusive to all. AB 195 goes directly against that goal of being a community for all.

"Transgender individuals are brave. We should show them they belong here in Wisconsin. We have a long way to go in ensuring the equal treatment of everyone in our society. I hope that in the future our committee can discuss issues that are based on the Wisconsin shared value of acceptance."

AB 195 passed out of committee on a party-line vote. Committee Democrats opposed the anti-transgender youth bill.

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