



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

74th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 55

Primary Sponsor: Kariher
Co-Sponsor(s): Rivers, DuChêne

Whereas: Thirty-five (35) states have introduced anti-transgender bills to exclude transgender youth from sports and limit access to life-saving hormone replacement therapy, and

Whereas: The transgender community is entitled to equal treatment in all facets of life, and

Whereas: The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has stated “only locations where hosts can commit to providing an environment that is safe, healthy and free of discrimination should be selected” for events, and

Whereas: The NCAA currently requires transgender women to get treatment to lower their testosterone levels before they can compete in women sports, and

Whereas: The NCAA has a long-standing Association-wide policy that provides a clear path for transgender athlete participation, and

Whereas: The NCAA “believe in and are committed to diversity, inclusion, and gender equity among its student athletes, coaches, administrators,” and

Whereas: The NCAA policy for transgender female athletes is “A trans female (MTF) student-athlete being treated with testosterone suppression medication for Gender Identity Disorder or gender dysphoria and/or Transsexualism, for the purposes of NCAA competition may continue to compete on a men’s team but may not compete on a women’s team without changing it to a mixed team status until completing one calendar year of testosterone suppression treatment,” and

Whereas: The NCAA states “A trans female (MTF) transgender student-athlete who is not taking hormone treatments related to gender transition may not compete on a women’s team,” and

Whereas: Bills banning transgender athletes from competing in any capacity will do irreparable harm to transgender youth and will cultivate an environment of hostility that will continue to push violence and discrimination against the transgender community and the LGBTQ+ community as a whole, and

Whereas: Participating in sports provides critical life lessons including teamwork, dedication, and leadership that should be available to all youth, and

Whereas: Florida Governor DeSantis signed SB 1028 “Fairness in Women’s Sports Act” on June 1, 2021, and

Whereas: SB 1028 prohibits transgender women from participating in women's sports, by making their eligibility dependent on their "biological sex" on birth certificates issued "at or near the time of the student's birth," and

Whereas: SB 1028 applies to interscholastic, intercollegiate, intramural, or club athletic teams or sports, and

Whereas: HB 211, the "Vulnerable Child Protection Act" penalizes healthcare practitioners for providing best-practice medical care to transgender youth to affirm their gender, which can contribute to depression, social isolation, self-harm, and suicidal behavior, and

Whereas: National health organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Psychological Association, and the American Medical Association support gender-affirming care for transgender youth, and

Whereas: There is a collaborative effort from collegiate Student Government Associations across the nation to condemn anti-transgender legislation, and

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The FSU Student Government urges all to continue supporting and listening to transgender advocates working against these bills in the Florida and throughout the nation, and

Be it further resolved that: The FSU Student Government urges the University Administration to make a clear public statement condemning these bills and supporting the students advocating to protect the rights of and for transgender people in Florida and throughout the nation, and

Be it further resolved that: The FSU Student Government will continue to support Pride Student Union and its affiliate organizations in their mission to amplify LGBTQ+ voices and advocate for their rights, and

Be it lastly resolved that: A copy of this resolution is sent to
Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs
FSU Board of Trustees
FSU Faculty Senate
University of Central Florida Student Government
University of North Florida Student Government
University of Miami Student Government
University of West Florida Student Government
University of Florida Student Government
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Abriel Hunter

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Student Senate President

Senate Vote: PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

PASSED: September 21st, 2022