BILL SUMMARY

2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.: HB 4245
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Impact: No Direct Impact

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB4245 prohibits male students from playing on athletic teams designated for females. The measure requires parents and guardians of students who play sports to sign an affidavit prior to the beginning of each school year acknowledging the biological sex of the student at birth. If there is a change in the status of the biological sex of the student, the parent or guardian shall notify the school within 30 days.

Any student who is deprived of an athletic opportunity due to a violation of this rule, shall have a cause of action for injunctive relief against the school.

Any student who is subject to retaliation by a school, athletic association, or intercollegiate association for reporting a violation of this rule, shall have a cause of action for injunctive relief against the school, or athletic association.

The measure also prohibits the State Board of Education, the State Regents, and any athletic association from entering a complaint, opening an investigation, or taking any other adverse action against a school for maintaining athletic teams for students of the female sex.

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Fiscal Analysis

Upon review of the measure, it is not anticipated to result in a direct negative fiscal impact on state appropriations or budget. In the event that one of the named agencies or a subdivision thereof is found to be in violation of the provisions set forth in the measure and damages are awarded, there may be an impact in certain circumstances.

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Other Considerations

None.