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Bill Analysis

SB 1007 creates the Save Men's Sports Act. The measure requires athletic teams sponsored by a public school district, a public charter school, an institution of higher education within the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, or by a private school that competes against a public school or institution to be expressly designated based on biological sex. It requires the parent or legal guardian of a student to sign an affidavit acknowledging the biological sex of the student at birth. It prohibits teams designated for "males," "men" or "boys" from being open to female students. It provides a cause of action for any student deprived of an athletic opportunity or who suffers direct or indirect harm as a result of a violation of the act. It creates a cause of action for any student who is subject to retaliation or other adverse action by a school or athletic or intercollegiate association as a result of reporting a violation. The bill prohibits the State Board of Education, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and any school athletic or intercollegiate association from entertaining a complaint, opening an investigation, or taking adverse action against a school maintaining athletic teams or sports only for students of the male sex. It provides a cause of action for any school that suffers direct or indirect harm as a result of entertaining a complaint, opening an investigation, or taking adverse action. It requires causes of action to be initiated within 2 years of the harm occurring.

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