

**Indiana Family Institute**

**2025 Legislative Session Policy Briefs**

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- I. Legislation:** [HB# 1041](#)
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  - C. **Senate Sponsor:** Sen. Stacey Donato, Sen. Spencer Deery, Sen. Linda Rogers, Sen. Gary Byrne
- II. Bill Status:**
- A. Awaiting Gov. Braun’s Signature
- III. Executive Summary:**
- A. HB #1041:
    - 1. Requires: for purposes of interscholastic athletic events, state educational institutions and certain private postsecondary educational institutions to expressly designate an athletic team or sport as one of the following:
      - a) A male, men's, or boys' team or sport.
      - b) A female, women's, or girls' team or sport.
      - c) A coeducational or mixed team or sport.
    - 2. Prohibits a male, based on the student's biological sex at birth in accordance with the student's genetics and reproductive biology, from participating on an athletic team or sport designated as being a female, women's, or girls' athletic team or sport.
    - 3. Requires state educational institutions and certain private postsecondary educational institutions to establish grievance procedures for a violation of these provisions.
    - 4. Establishes a civil action for a violation of these provisions.
    - 5. Provides that state educational institutions and certain private postsecondary educational institutions are not subject to liability in a civil, administrative, disciplinary, or criminal action for acting in compliance with these provisions.
- IV. Analysis:**
- A. Following the Indiana General Assembly’s override of Gov. Holcomb’s veto in 2022, which banned transgender girls from participating in girl’s sports at the K-12 level, the 2025 Indiana General Assembly are taking important measures to ban transgender athletes from participating in women’s sports at state educational institutions, spearheaded by Rep. Michelle Davis. With bipartisan support, HB 1041 takes aim at the heart of one of the most pressing issues of our day and age, and following the “Riley Gaines Act” that President Trump signed earlier this year, which banned transgender women from playing in women’s sports nationwide. Rep. Davis said “HB 1041 makes sure we are protecting the integrity of women’s sports and keeping our daughters safe”. In light of President Trump’s executive order, and the passage of Rep. Davis’s bill, the NCAA, headquartered in Indianapolis, announced a policy change, which stated the banning of transgender women in women’s sports. With Gov. Braun’s signature, HB 1041 will cement the legacy of Indiana being a state that is family focused, and protects conservative ideology that serves Hoosiers statewide.
- V. Conclusion:**
- A. IFI supports HB 1041 (Rep. Davis) because this legislation protects the Hoosier family, protects our women across the state against unfair play in collegiate sports, keeps them safe from injury, and aligns with IFI’s core values of family dignity and faith-based conservatism. HB 1041 is a necessary step forward in the nationwide fight for the protection of women in sports, the upholding of core conservative ideals, and the integrity of women’s sports.