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**SENATOR MIDDLETON FILES BILL TO SAVE WOMEN'S SPORTS**

AUSTIN— Senator Mayes Middleton filed Senate Bill 649, the “Save Women’s Sports Act,” to protect the integrity of Texas women’s athletic competitions.

The legislation would expand the protections passed in the 87th Legislative Session for girls competing in 7th-12th grade level competitions to women competing in collegiate level athletic programs. SB 649 provides a private cause of action to allow women to sue if they are deprived of opportunities or suffer harm due to a violation of the law.

“I filed the Save Women’s Sports Act to protect the integrity of women’s sports. The bill makes sure women are not forced to compete against biological men, who steal victories and athletic records from females, and put women’s athletic scholarships unfairly at risk,” said Senator Middleton. “Allowing biological males to compete in women’s sports erodes Title IX, a federal law that protects opportunities previously denied to women.”

“Students should compete in athletic competitions based on their God-given biological gender,” said Senator Middleton. “You can’t have fair competition when women are forced to compete against biological men.”

Senator Middleton serves as the Vice Chair of the subcommittee on Higher Education, as well as serves on the Senate committees on Administration, Business & Commerce, Education, Jurisprudence, and State Affairs.

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