

# ***Laura Gillen Voted To Force Schools To Allow Biological Men To Compete In Women's Sports - And Also Voted To Give Biological Men Access To Women's Spaces Like Locker Rooms And Bathrooms***

## ***Men In Women's Sports***

### **Gillen Voted Against The Protection Of Women And Girls In Sports Act, Which Would Ban Biological Males From Competing In Women's And Girls' Sports At Federally Funded Institutions**

**On January 14, 2025, Gillen Voted Against The Protection Of Women And Girls In Sports Act, Which Would Ban Biological Males From Competing On Women's Sports Teams That Receive Federal Funds.** "Passage of the bill that would would [sic] effectively ban transgender women and girls from competing on women's athletic teams that receive federal funds. It would specifically amend existing prohibitions on sex discrimination in federally funded (Title IX) educational programs to also prohibit such programs from allowing persons "whose sex is male" to participate in athletic programs designed for girls or women. It would specify that, for the purposes of the bill, a sex is "based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth." The bill would allow Title IX programs to permit males to train or practice with an athletic program designed for girls or women as long as no female is deprived of any benefit of participation, such as a place on a team, scholarship or the ability to participate in a practice or competition." (H.R. 28, [Roll Call #12](#), Passed: 218-206-1-9; R:216-0; D:2-206; Gillen Voted Nay, 1/14/25)

**The Protection Of Women And Girls In Sports Act Authorizes A Study On The Negative Effects Of Allowing Biological Men To Compete In Women's Sports.** "The Comptroller General shall carry out a study to determine the meaning of the phrase 'any other benefit' as used in subsection (d)(4) by looking at benefits to women or girls of participating in single sex sports that would be lost by allowing males to participate. The study shall document the adverse psychological, developmental, participatory, and sociological results to girls of allowing males to compete, be members of a sports team, or participants in athletic programs, that are designed for girls, including displacement or discouragement from sports participation, deprivation of a roster spot on a team or sport, loss of the opportunity to participate in a practice or competition, loss of a scholarship or scholarship opportunities, loss or displacement of admission to an educational institution, deprivation of the benefit of an environment free of hostility based on sexual assault or harassment, or any other benefit that accompanies participating in the athletics program or activity." ([H.R. 28](#), Introduced: 1/3/25)

**The Protection Of Women And Girls In Sports Act Bans Biological Males From Competing In Girls' Sports In Federally Funded Schools.** "Washington — The House on Tuesday passed a Republican measure banning transgender girls and women from competing on school sports teams that match their gender identity after the party leaned into the issue during the 2024 campaign. The bill, known as the 'Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act,' would amend Title IX, the federal law banning sex discrimination in schools, to recognize a person's 'sex' as 'based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth.' Schools who allow 'a person whose sex is male to participate in an athletic program or activity that is designated for women or girls' risk losing federal funding." (Caitlin Yilek, "House Passes Ban On Transgender Students In Girls Sports," [CBS News](#), 1/14/25)

**The Protection Of Women And Girls In Sports Act Bans Biological Males From Competing On Girls' Sports Teams And Amends Title IX To Define Sex As Based Solely On A Person's Reproductive Biology And Genetics At Birth.** "The legislation — H.R. 28 — is a cornerstone of the GOP's education agenda and would deliver on a priority for the incoming Trump administration. It bans transgender women from competing on teams consistent with their gender identity and amends Title IX, the federal education law that bars sex-based discrimination, to define sex as based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth." (Bianca Quilantan, "House Passes Bill Restricting Transgender Athletes From Women's Sports," [Politico](#), 1/14/25)

## *The Equality Act*

### **Laura Gillen Is An Original Co-Sponsor Of The 2025 Equality Act, Legislation Mandating That Biological Men Be Allowed Compete Against Female Athletes And Allows Biological Men To Access Female Locker Rooms, Bathrooms, And Domestic Violence Shelters**

**Gillen Is An Original Co-Sponsor Of The 2025 Equality Act.** ([H.R. 15](#), Introduced 4/29/15)

**The Equality Act “Would Make It Unlawful To Differentiate Among Girls And Women In Sports On The Basis Of Sex For Any Purpose. For Example, A Sports Team Couldn’t Treat A Transgender Woman Differently From A Woman Who Is Not Transgender On The Grounds That The Former Is Male-Bodied.”** “In its current form, the Equality Act would do significant damage to Title IX and to the Amateur Sports Act, which governs sports outside of educational settings. The new legislation would amend the 1964 Civil Rights Act by redefining ‘sex’ to include ‘gender identity.’ Without an exception, the definition would apply to all amendments to the 1964 act, including Title IX. Most schools, colleges, the NCAA and the Olympic Committee would be affected because they receive federal funds and operate in interstate commerce. The legislation would make it unlawful to differentiate among girls and women in sports on the basis of sex for any purpose. For example, a sports team couldn’t treat a transgender woman differently from a woman who is not transgender on the grounds that the former is male-bodied. Yet the reality is that putting male- and female-bodied athletes together is co-ed or open sport. And in open sport, females lose.” (Doriane Coleman, Martina Navratilova and Sanya Richards-Ross, Op-Ed, “Pass The Equality Act, But Don’t Abandon Title IX,” [The Washington Post](#), 4/29/19)

- **In April 2025, A Six-Foot Biological Male Joined The Female Varsity Track Team On Long Island.** “A transgender girl on a Long Island high school’s track team has ignited fierce debate over fairness in sports — and whether the district could lose all of its federal funding under a recent White House order. The controversy centers around a 6-foot, 14-year-old freshman on the girl’s varsity track team at William Floyd High School in Shirley. The unidentified student has ‘socially transitioned’ to female, meaning she is not on hormone treatment and retains biologically male characteristics but identifies as a girl, according to the South Shore Press.” (Brandon Cruz, “Trans Teen On Girls Track Team Divides LI Town — And Could Cost District \$13M In Funding,” [New York Post](#), 4/27/25)

**The Equality Act Would Override State Laws.** “The Human Rights Campaign’s major aim at this year’s dinner was whipping support for the Equality Act, which would override state laws that don’t include anti-LGBT discrimination provisions. ‘As president, I will fight for it,’ Clinton said Saturday morning. Obama hasn’t taken a position. Biden endorsed it Saturday night.” (Edward-Isaac Dove, “Biden Previews Battle Against Clinton,” [Politico](#), 10/3/15)

**The 2025 House Democrats’ Equality Act Would Prohibit An Individual From Being Denied Access To A Shared Facility, Including A Restroom, A Locker Room, And A Dressing Room, That Is In Accordance With The Individual’s Gender Identity.** ([H.R. 15](#), Introduced 6/21/23)

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**Advocates For Trans Equality Said The Equality Act Would Mean That Businesses “Cannot Discriminate, Including In Access To Restrooms Or Other Facilities, And**

**Everyone Must Be Able To Use Facilities Consistent With Their Gender Identity.** “Does the Equality Act include public restrooms, locker rooms, and changing rooms? Yes. The Equality Act prohibits discrimination against LGBTQ people in any business or place covered by the act. If a business is covered by the Act it cannot discriminate, including in access to restrooms or other facilities, and everyone must be able to use facilities consistent with their gender identity.” (Advocates for Trans Equality, “The Equality Act: What Transgender People Need to Know,” [Press Release](#), 6/9/19)

**The 2025 House Democrats’ Equality Act Specifically Names Shelters As Public Accommodations Where Gender Would Not Legally Be Allowed To Be Considered.**

“Prohibition On Discrimination Or Segregation In Public Accommodations.—Section 201 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000a) is amended ... any establishment that provides a good, service, or program, including a store, shopping center, online retailer or service provider, salon, bank, gas station, food bank, service or care center, shelter, travel agency, or funeral parlor, or establishment that provides health care, accounting, or legal services...” ([H.R. 15](#), Introduced 6/21/23)

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**The Equality Act Would Force Women’s Domestic Violence Shelters To Admit Males Who Identity As Female, Subjecting Vulnerable Women To Sleep Feet Away From Biological Men.** “However, the Equality Act doesn't only hurt female athletes. It also endangers women in overnight shelters by forcing the shelters to admit males who identify as female. Such an incident occurred in Alaska, where the city of Anchorage tried to use a similar city ordinance to force Downtown Hope Center's women's overnight shelter to allow men who identify as women to sleep mere feet from vulnerable women, many of whom had recently survived trafficking, domestic violence, or other abuse by men.” (Christiana Kiefer, Op-Ed, “The 'Equality Act' Threatens Women's Equality,” [Newsweek](#), 6/27/23)

- **Alaska Woman Said “If The Hope Center Were Forced To Let Any Biological Man Into The Women's Shelter, I Would Leave Even If It Meant Sleeping In The Woods.”** “One homeless woman at the shelter testified in court that she would rather sleep in the Alaskan wilderness than sleep near a man. ‘If the Hope Center were forced to let any biological man into the women's shelter, I would leave even if it meant sleeping in the woods,’ she said. ‘I would be afraid that I was going to be raped again. It would trigger a PTSD reaction for me.’” (Christiana Kiefer, Op-Ed, “The 'Equality Act' Threatens Women's Equality,” [Newsweek](#), 6/27/23)