**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑63‑77 SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS SHALL DETERMINE THE GENDER OF A STUDENT SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS SANCTIONED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE BEFORE THE STUDENT MAY PARTICIPATE IN THOSE ATHLETICS, TO PROVIDE THIS GENDER DETERMINATION MUST BE THE GENDER OF THE STUDENT AT BIRTH AS INDICATED ON THE CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF THE STUDENT, TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS MAY NOT PERMIT BOYS TO TRY OUT FOR OR PARTICIPATE IN HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE‑SANCTIONED ATHLETIC TEAMS DESIGNATED AS GIRLS’ TEAMS, TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS MAY NOT PERMIT GIRLS TO TRY OUT FOR OR PARTICIPATE IN HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE‑SANCTIONED ATHLETIC TEAMS DESIGNATED AS BOYS’ TEAMS, AND TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS THAT OFFER HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE‑SANCTIONED MIXED OR COED ATHLETIC TEAMS IN WHICH THE GAME RULES DESIGNATE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF TEAM PARTICIPANTS FROM EACH GENDER MAY NOT PERMIT BOYS TO QUALIFY FOR GIRLS’ SLOTS OR FOR GIRLS TO QUALIFY FOR BOYS’ SLOTS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 63, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑63‑77. (A) A school shall determine the gender of a student seeking to participate in athletics sanctioned by the High School League before the student may participate in those athletics. This gender determination must be the gender of the student at birth as indicated on the certified birth certificate of the student.

(B)(1) A school may not permit a boy to try out for or participate in a High School League sanctioned athletic team designated as a girls’ team.

(2) A school may not permit a girl to try out for or participate in a High School League‑sanctioned athletic team designated as a boys’ team.

(3) A school that offers a High School League‑sanctioned mixed or coed athletic team in which the game rules designate a certain number of team participants from each gender may not permit a boy to qualify for a girls’ slot on the mixed or coed teams and may not permit a girl to qualify for a boys’ slot on the mixed or coed team.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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