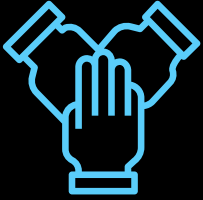




# HB 198:

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

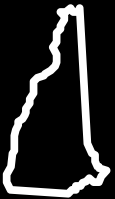
*HB 198 would ban transgender girls from participating in high school and college sports. When we tell transgender girls that they can't play girls' sports, it sends the harmful message that they don't belong.*



**School athletics programs teach all girls the skills they need to succeed and contribute to the community throughout their lives.** Communication, teamwork, self-discipline, leadership, and confidence are essential life skills. We all win when transgender students have equal opportunity to the educational benefits of athletics programs.



**Full participation and inclusion strengthens girls' sports.** We all care about fairness for girls in sports. Inclusion enhances fairness in athletics programs. Don't believe the myth that transgender girls are a threat to other girls. We must not force transgender students to choose between being themselves and participating in sports.



**HB 198 came from outside of New Hampshire.** Similar bills have been introduced in at least 18 other states this year. This bill attempts to politicize transgender people's lives. New Hampshire's transgender students should not be the object of political volleying.



**This bill would override the experts.** The NHIAA and NCAA participation policies have been in place for many years in schools across the state. The legislature should not reach in to dismantle effective policies.



**Laws targeting transgender girls violate the U.S. Constitution and Title IX.** In 2020, a conservative federal judge appointed by President Trump blocked a similar bill in Idaho, declaring it unconstitutional.



**HB 198 would cost taxpayers.** New Hampshire stands to lose revenue from NCAA events and more, just like North Carolina and other states that have enacted discriminatory laws in recent years. The state would also have to defend expensive lawsuits. New Hampshire cannot afford to waste public funds on an unnecessary and harmful law.

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