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To prohibit certain discrimination against athletes on the basis of sex by intercollegiate athletic associations, and for other purposes.

## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

\_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

# A BILL

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  - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
  - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

#### **3** SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Fair Play for Women5 Act".

#### 6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

- 7 Congress finds the following:
- 8 (1) 50 years ago, Congress passed title IX of
  9 the Education Amendments of 1972 (referred to in
  10 this section as "title IX"), helping to transform par-

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ticipation in and support for women's sports by bar ring discrimination on the basis of sex in all schools
 that receive Federal funding, including in their ath letic programs.

5 (2) Since the passage of title IX, millions more 6 women and girls have had the opportunity to com-7 pete in interscholastic athletics. At the high school 8 level, athletic participation opportunities have in-9 creased from nearly 300,000 in 1972 to more than 10 3,400,000 in 2019. At the collegiate level, opportuni-11 ties have increased from nearly 30,000 in 1972 to 12 215,000 in 2020 on teams sponsored by institutions 13 who are members of the National Collegiate Athletic 14 Association (referred to in this section as the "NCAA"). 15

16 (3) Despite progress, women and girls still face 17 unequal opportunities. At the high school level, girls 18 have over 1,000,000 fewer athletic opportunities 19 than boys, with schools providing girls with 43 per-20 cent of all athletic opportunities while girls represent 21 nearly half of all students. At the collegiate level, 22 colleges would need to provide women with an addi-23 tional 148,000 sports opportunities to match the 24 same ratio of sports opportunities per student as is 25 offered to men.

(4) Girls of color are often most impacted by
inequitable opportunities. At high schools predominantly attended by white students, girls have 82 percent of the opportunities that boys have to play
sports, while at high schools predominantly attended
by students of color, girls have only 67 percent of
the opportunities that boys have to play sports.

8 (5) The magnitude of current gaps in intercolle-9 giate participation opportunities is likely under-10 counted, as investigations of intercollegiate athletics 11 data have found that the majority of NCAA member 12 institutions inflate the number of women partici-13 pating in sports by double- and triple-counting 14 women athletes who participate in more than one 15 sport more often than the institutions double- and 16 triple-count their male counterparts, counting male 17 practice players on women's teams as women ath-18 letes, and packing women's teams with extra players 19 who never end up competing.

(6) Women and girls in sports also face unequal
treatment. They are frequently provided worse facilities, equipment, and uniforms than men and boys,
and they receive less financial support and publicity
from their schools, as women receive \$240,000,000
less than men in athletic-based scholarships annu-

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ally. For every dollar colleges spend on recruiting,
 travel, and equipment for men's sports, they spend
 58 cents, 62 cents, and 73 cents, respectively, for
 women's sports.

5 (7) Amid ongoing inequitable treatment, ath-6 letes and athletics-related staff too often are un-7 aware of the rights and obligations that are de-8 scribed in or come from title IX. In surveys of chil-9 dren and their parents, the majority report not 10 knowing what title IX is. A study conducted by the 11 Government Accountability Office in 2017 found 12 that the majority of high school athletic administra-13 tors were unaware of who their title IX coordinator 14 was or felt unsupported by their title IX coordinator. 15 In collegiate sports, the majority of coaches report that they never received formal training about title 16 17 IX as part of the preparation for their jobs.

### 18 SEC. 3. PURPOSES.

19 The purposes of this Act are to—

(1) address inequitable and discriminatory
treatment of women and girls in sports in elementary and secondary schools, as well as institutions of
higher education; and

24 (2) improve the collection and transparency of25 data pertaining to participation in and support for

1	women's and girls' sports at schools receiving Fed-
2	eral financial assistance.
3	SEC. 4. DISCRIMINATION BY INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC
4	ASSOCIATIONS.
5	(a) IN GENERAL.—No intercollegiate athletic associa-
6	tion shall, on the basis of sex, subject any athlete to dis-
7	crimination with respect to intercollegiate athletics, includ-
8	ing discrimination through—
9	(1) the rules it sets for intercollegiate athletics;
10	(2) the sports required for association member-
11	ship or the sports sponsored for association competi-
12	tions or supported with association championships;
13	(3) the location, facilities, or amenities provided
14	for association competitions or championships;
15	(4) the provision or arrangement for the provi-
16	sion of goods or services (including benefits) for as-
17	sociation competitions or championships; or
18	(5) the distribution of revenues or other bene-
19	fits to association members or institutions under the
20	authority of the association.
21	(b) PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.—A covered institu-
22	tion of higher education that is a member of or under the
23	authority of an intercollegiate athletic association, or an
24	individual who applies to participate, participates, or pre-
25	viously participated in intercollegiate athletics, at a cov-

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ered institution of higher education that is a member of 1 2 or under the authority of an intercollegiate athletic asso-3 ciation, may bring an action in any Federal or State court 4 of competent jurisdiction against the intercollegiate ath-5 letic association to remedy a violation of this section. The court may award such legal or equitable relief as may be 6 7 appropriate for such a violation. The legal relief may in-8 clude compensatory damages for emotional distress, hu-9 miliation, or pain and suffering.

10 (c) TRAINING.—Each intercollegiate athletic associa-11 tion shall ensure that each employee of the association re-12 ceives, at least once per year, training on the provisions 13 of this section, including the rights delineated under this 14 section and the procedures for bringing actions under this 15 section.

16 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) COVERED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU18 CATION.—The term "covered institution of higher
19 education" means an entity described in section
20 908(2)(A) of the Education Amendments of 1972
21 (20 U.S.C. 1687(2)(A)).

(2) INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.—The term "intercollegiate athletic association" means any conference, association, or other
group or organization, established by or comprised

1	of 2 or more covered institutions of higher edu-
2	cation, that—
3	(A) governs competitions among, or other-
4	wise exercises authority over intercollegiate ath-
5	letics at, such institutions of higher education
6	who are members of or under the authority of
7	the intercollegiate athletic association; and
8	(B) is engaged in commerce or an industry
9	or activity affecting commerce.
10	SEC. 5. EXPANDING EQUITY IN ATHLETICS DISCLOSURE
11	REQUIREMENTS.
12	(a) INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—Section
13	485(g) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
14	1092(g)) is amended—
15	(1) in paragraph $(1)$ —
16	(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking
17	clause (i) and inserting the following:
18	"(i) The total number of participants,
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19	by team.";
20	by team."; (B) in subparagraph (C)—
20	(B) in subparagraph (C)—
20 21	<ul><li>(B) in subparagraph (C)—</li><li>(i) by striking "The total amount"</li></ul>
20 21 22	<ul><li>(B) in subparagraph (C)—</li><li>(i) by striking "The total amount" and inserting the following: "(i) The total</li></ul>

1	"(ii) For each men's and women's sport—
2	"(I) the total amount of athletically
3	related student aid;
4	"(II) the total number of athletically
5	related scholarships, and the average
6	amount of such scholarships;
7	"(III) the total number of athletically
8	related scholarships that fund the full cost
9	of tuition at the institution;
10	"(IV) the total number of athletically
11	related scholarships that fund the full cost
12	of attendance for the athlete;
13	"(V) the total number of athletically
14	related scholarships awarded for a period
15	equal to or less than one year; and
16	"(VI) the total number of athletically
17	related scholarships awarded for a period
18	equal to or greater than 4 academic
19	years.";
20	(C) in subparagraph (E), by inserting
21	"and disaggregated by each men's sport and
22	each women's sport" before the period at the
23	end;
24	(D) in subparagraph (G), by inserting
25	"(which, for purposes of this subparagraph, in-

1	cludes compensation, bonuses, benefits, and
2	buyouts paid to coaches and reportable by the
3	institution or related entities, including booster
4	clubs and foundations)" before "of the head
5	coaches of men's teams";
6	(E) in subparagraph (H), by inserting
7	"(which, for purposes of this subparagraph, in-
8	cludes compensation, bonuses, benefits, and
9	buyouts paid to coaches and reportable by the
10	institution or related entities, including booster
11	clubs and foundations)" before "assistant
12	coaches of men's teams";
13	(F) in subparagraph (I)—
14	(i) by striking clause (i) and inserting
15	the following: "(i) The revenues from the
16	institution's intercollegiate athletics activi-
17	ties, in the aggregate and disaggregated by
18	each men's sport and each women's sport,
19	including—
20	"(I) total revenues; and
21	"(II) each category of revenues de-
22	scribed in clause (ii)."; and
23	(ii) in clause (ii), by striking ", and
24	advertising, but revenues" and all that fol-
25	lows through the period at the end and in-

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1	serting ", advertising, and, to the extent
2	practicable, student activities fees and
3	alumni contributions.";
4	(G) by striking clause (i) of subparagraph
5	(J) and inserting the following: "(i) The ex-
6	penses made by the institution for the institu-
7	tion's intercollegiate athletics activities, in the
8	aggregate and disaggregated by each men's
9	sport and each women's sport, including—
10	"(I) total expenses; and
11	"(II) each category of expenses as de-
12	scribed in clause (ii)."; and
13	(H) by adding at the end the following:
14	"(K) The numbers of participants who
15	participate in 1, 2, or 3 intercollegiate sports at
16	the institution, in the aggregate and
17	disaggregated by each men's sport and each
18	women's sport.
19	"(L) The total number of male players
20	that practice on women's teams, in the aggre-
21	gate and disaggregated by each women's sport.
22	"(M) Information regarding race and eth-
23	nicity for athletes and coaches (including assist-
24	ant coaches), in the aggregate and

1	disaggregated by each men's sport and each
2	women's sport.
3	"(N) A certification that the institution
4	has verified the information submitted in the
5	report under this paragraph.
6	"(O) With respect to the sports participa-
7	tion opportunities requirements under title IX
8	of the Education Amendments of 1972—
9	"(i) a certification that the institution
10	complies with such requirements by show-
11	ing—
12	"(I) substantial proportionality;
13	"(II) a history and continuing
14	practice of expanding sports participa-
15	tion opportunities; or
16	"(III) full and effective accommo-
17	dation of athletics interests; and
18	"(ii) an identification of the method of
19	compliance described in subclauses (I)
20	through (III) of clause (i) that the institu-
21	tion uses.";
22	(2) in paragraph (2), by striking "For the pur-
23	poses of paragraph $(1)(G)$ " and inserting "For the
24	purposes of subparagraphs (G) and (H) of para-
25	graph (1)";

1	(3) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the
2	following:
3	"(4) SUBMISSION; REPORT; INFORMATION
4	AVAILABILITY.—
5	"(A) INSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—
6	Each institution of higher education described
7	in paragraph (1) shall—
8	"(i) by October 15 of each year, pro-
9	vide the information contained in the re-
10	port required under such paragraph for
11	such year to the Secretary; and
12	"(ii) by not later than February 15 of
13	each year, publish such information on a
14	public Internet website of the institution in
15	a searchable format.
16	"(B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—By not later
17	than February 15 of each year, the Secretary
18	shall make the reports and information de-
19	scribed in subparagraph (A) for the imme-
20	diately preceding academic year available to the
21	public, which shall include posting the reports
22	and information on a public Internet website of
23	the Department in a searchable format.";
24	(4) by redesignating paragraph $(5)$ as para-
25	graph $(6);$

1	(5) by inserting after paragraph $(4)$ the fol-
2	lowing:
3	"(5) Reports by the secretary.—
4	"(A) IN GENERAL.—By not later than 2
5	years after the date of enactment of the Fair
6	Play for Women Act, and every 2 years there-
7	after, the Secretary shall prepare and publish a
8	report on gender equity using the information
9	submitted under this subsection.
10	"(B) CONTENTS.—The report required
11	under subparagraph (A) shall, in the aggregate
12	for all institutions of higher education described
13	in paragraph (1) and disaggregated by each in-
14	dividual institution—
15	"(i) identify participant gaps, if any,
16	by indicating the number of participants
17	that need to be added in order for partici-
18	pants of the underrepresented sex at the
19	institution to match the proportion of en-
20	rolled full-time undergraduate students of
21	the underrepresented sex at the institution;
22	and
23	"(ii) identify funding gaps, if any, by
24	showing the percentage differences, com-
25	pared to proportions of male and female

1	enrollment at the institution, in expendi-
2	tures for athletically related student aid,
3	recruiting, promotion, and publicity in
4	intercollegiate athletics; and
5	"(iii) identify any trends evident in
6	such data that address relevant inequities
7	in intercollegiate athletics participation and
8	financial support."; and
9	(6) in paragraph (6), as redesignated by para-
10	graph (4)—
11	(A) by striking "DEFINITION.—For the
12	purposes of this subsection, the term" and in-
13	serting the following: "DEFINITIONS.—For pur-
14	poses of this subsection:
15	"(A) Operating expenses.—The term";
16	and
17	(B) by adding at the end the following:
18	"(B) PARTICIPANT.—The term 'partici-
19	pant' means an athlete in a sport who—
20	"(i)(I) is receiving the institutionally
21	sponsored support normally provided to
22	athletes competing at the institution in-
23	volved on a regular basis during the sport's
24	season;

1	"(II) in manticipation in annuclear
1	"(II) is participating in organized
2	practice sessions and other team meetings
3	and activities on a regular basis during the
4	sport's season; and
5	"(III) is listed on the eligibility or
6	squad list maintained for the sport; or
7	"(ii) due to injury, does not meet the
8	requirements of clause (i) but continues to
9	receive financial aid on the basis of athletic
10	ability in the sport.
11	"(C) SEASON.—The term 'season', when
12	used with respect to a team sport, means the
13	period beginning on the date of a team's first
14	intercollegiate competitive event in an academic
15	year and ending on the date of the team's final
16	intercollegiate competitive event in such aca-
17	demic year.".
18	(b) Elementary School and Secondary School
19	ATHLETIC PROGRAMS.—
20	(1) IN GENERAL.—Subpart 2 of part F of title
21	VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education
22	Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7901 et seq.) is amended by
23	adding at the end the following:

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1	"SEC. 8549D. DISCLOSURE OF STATISTICS ON EQUALITY IN
2	ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
3	ATHLETIC PROGRAMS.
4	"(a) Definition of Participant.—
5	"(1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term
6	'participant' means an athlete in a sport who partici-
7	pates in the sport in interscholastic competitive
8	events, organized practice sessions, and other team
9	meetings and activities on a regular basis during the
10	sport's season.
11	"(2) Definition of season.—For purposes of
12	paragraph (1), the term 'season', when used with re-
13	spect to a team sport, means the period beginning
14	on the date of a team's first interscholastic athletic
15	competition in an academic year and ending on the
16	date of the team's final interscholastic athletic com-
17	petition in such academic year.
18	"(b) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall collect annu-
19	ally, from each coeducational elementary school and sec-
20	ondary school that receives Federal financial assistance
21	and has an interscholastic athletic program, a report that
22	includes the following information for the immediately pre-
23	ceding academic year:
24	"(1) The total number of male and female stu

24 "(1) The total number of male and female stu25 dents that attended the school, fully disaggregated
26 and cross-tabulated by sex and race or ethnicity.

1	"(2) A listing of the school's teams that com-
2	peted in athletic competition and for each such team
3	the following data:
4	"(A) The season in which the team com-
5	peted.
6	"(B) The total number of male and female
7	participants, fully disaggregated and cross-tab-
8	ulated by sex and race or ethnicity and level of
9	competition.
10	"(C) The total expenditures for the team
11	from all sources, including school funds and
12	funds provided by any other entities, such as
13	booster organizations, including the following
14	data:
15	"(i) The travel expenditures.
16	"(ii) The equipment expenditures (in-
17	cluding any equipment replacement sched-
18	ule).
19	"(iii) The uniform expenditures (in-
20	cluding any uniform replacement sched-
21	ule).
22	"(iv) The expenditures for facilities,
23	including medical facilities, locker rooms,
24	fields, and gymnasiums.

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1	"(v) The total number of trainers and
2	medical personnel, and for each trainer or
3	medical personnel an identification of such
4	individual's—
5	"(I) sex; and
6	((II) employment status (includ-
7	ing whether such individual is as-
8	signed to the team full-time or part-
9	time, and whether such individual is a
10	head or assistant trainer or medical
11	services provider) and duties other
12	than providing training or medical
13	services.
14	"(vi) The expenditures for publicity
15	for competitions.
16	"(vii) The total salary expenditures
17	for coaches, including compensation, bene-
18	fits, and bonuses, the total number of
19	coaches, and for each coach an identifica-
20	tion of such coach's—
21	"(I) sex; and
22	((II) employment status (includ-
23	ing whether such coach is assigned to
24	the team full-time or part-time, and
25	whether such coach is a head or as-

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1	sistant coach) and duties other than
2	coaching.
3	"(D) The total number of competitive
4	events (in regular and nontraditional seasons)
5	scheduled, and for each an indication of what
6	day of the week and time the competitive event
7	was scheduled.
8	"(E) Whether such team participated in
9	postseason competition, and the success of such
10	team in any postseason competition.
11	"(c) Disclosure to Students and Public.—A
12	school described in subsection (b) shall—
13	"(1) by October 15 of each year, make available
14	to students, potential students, and parents of stu-
15	dents and potential students, upon request, and to
16	the public, the report and information required of
17	the school under such subsection for such year; and
18	((2) ensure that all students and parents at the
19	school are informed of their right to request such re-
20	port and information.
21	"(d) Submission; Information Availability.—
22	On an annual basis, each school described in subsection
23	(b) shall provide the report required under such sub-
24	section, and the information contained in such report, to
25	the Secretary not later than 15 days after the date that

the school makes such report and information available
 under subsection (c).

3 "(e) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary4 shall—

5 "(1) ensure that reports and information sub-6 mitted under subsection (d) are available on the 7 same public website, and searchable in the same 8 manner, as the reports and information made avail-9 able under section 485(g)(4)(B) of the Higher Edu-10 cation Act of 1965; and

11 "(2) not later than 180 days after the date of
12 enactment of the Fair Play for Women Act—

"(A) notify all elementary schools and secondary schools in all States regarding the availability of the reports and information under
subsection (c); and

17 "(B) issue guidance to all such schools on
18 how to collect and report the information re19 quired under this section.".

20 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of
21 contents in section 2 of the Elementary and Sec22 ondary Education Act of 1965 is amended by insert23 ing after the item relating to section 8549C the fol24 lowing:

"Sec. 8549D. Disclosure of statistics on equality in elementary and secondary education athletic programs.".

1	SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT THROUGH CIVIL
2	PENALTIES.
3	Section $902$ of the Education Amendments of $1972$
4	(20 U.S.C. 1682) is amended—
5	(1) by inserting "(a)" before "Each Federal";
6	and
7	(2) by adding at the end the following:
8	"(b)(1) The Secretary of Education shall determine,
9	at the beginning of each year, each covered institution of
10	higher education that was found during the prior year to
11	be in noncompliance with a requirement of this title as
12	part of an administrative proceeding under subsection (a).
13	((2) If the Secretary determines under paragraph $(1)$
14	that a covered institution of higher education was in such
15	noncompliance during the prior year, the Secretary may
16	impose a civil penalty on the institution.
17	"(3) If the Secretary determines under paragraph $(1)$
18	that a covered institution of higher education was in such
19	noncompliance during 2 or more of the prior 5 years, the
20	Secretary shall—
21	"(A) require the institution to submit, not later
22	than 120 days after receiving notice of the deter-
23	mination, a plan for coming into compliance with all
24	requirements of this title; and
25	"(B) make the report publicly available.".

## 1 SEC. 7. PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.

2 Section 903 of the Education Amendments of 1972
3 (20 U.S.C. 1683) is amended—

4 (1) by inserting "(a)" before "Any depart5 ment"; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following:

7 "(b) RIGHT OF ACTION.—An individual who applies 8 to participate, participates, or previously participated in an education program or activity covered under this title, 9 10 offered by a covered institution of higher education, may 11 bring an action in any Federal or State court of competent jurisdiction against the institution, alleging a violation of 12 13 this title. The court may award such legal or equitable relief as may be appropriate for such a violation. The legal 14 15 relief may include compensatory damages for emotional 16 distress, humiliation, or pain and suffering.".

### 17 SEC. 8. TRAINING AND INFORMATION FOR ATHLETES.

18 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (2019 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) is amended—

20 (1) by repealing section 906;

(2) by redesignating section 905 (20 U.S.C.
1685) as section 906; and

23 (3) by inserting after section 904 the following:

## 24 "SEC. 905. TRAINING AND INFORMATION.

25 "(a) TRAINING.—

26 "(1) COVERED SCHOOL SYSTEMS.—

1	"(A) Employees.—Each covered school
2	system shall ensure that each title IX coordi-
3	nator, and that each employee who works with
4	athletics or teaches physical education or
5	health, for the school system receives, at least
6	once per year, training on the rights under this
7	title of students at elementary schools or sec-
8	ondary schools, and procedures for submitting
9	complaints of violations of this title to the Of-
10	fice for Civil Rights of the Department of Edu-
11	cation.
12	"(B) ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
13	SCHOOL ATHLETES.—Each covered school sys-
14	tem shall ensure that—
15	"(i) a title IX coordinator for the sys-
16	tem provides training to athletes at ele-
17	mentary schools or secondary schools in
18	the system on the rights of the athletes
19	under this title, and procedures for submit-
20	ting complaints of violations of this title to
21	the Office for Civil Rights of the Depart-
22	ment of Education; and
23	"(ii) each such athlete receives that
24	training at least once per year.

1	"(C) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph,
2	the terms 'elementary school' and 'secondary
3	school' have the meanings given the terms in
4	section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary
5	Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).
6	"(2) Covered institutions of higher edu-
7	CATION.—
8	"(A) Employees.—Each covered institu-
9	tion of higher education shall ensure that each
10	employee of the athletic department of the insti-
11	tution receives, at least once per year, training
12	on the rights under this title of students at cov-
13	ered institutions of higher education, and proce-
14	dures for submitting complaints of violations of
15	this title to the Office for Civil Rights of the
16	Department of Education.
17	"(B) Postsecondary school ath-
18	LETES.—Each covered institution of higher
19	education shall ensure that—
20	"(i) an expert in matters relating to
21	this title, who is not an employee of the in-
22	stitution's athletic department, provides
23	training to athletes at the institution on
24	the rights of the athletes under this title,
25	and procedures for submitting complaints

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1	of violations of this title to the Office for
2	Civil Rights of the Department of Edu-
3	cation; and
4	"(ii) each such athlete receives that
5	training at least once per year.
6	"(b) DATABASE.—The Secretary of Education shall
7	establish and maintain a database of title IX coordinators,
8	which shall be separate from the civil rights coordinators
9	data maintained by the Office for Civil Rights of the De-
10	partment of Education. The database shall include, at a
11	minimum, the name, phone number, and email address for
12	each title IX coordinator. The Secretary shall make the
13	information in the database available to the public with,
14	and by the same means as, reports made available under
15	section $485(g)(4)(B)$ of the Higher Education Act of 1965
16	(20 U.S.C. 1092(g)(4)(B)).".
17	SEC. 9. OTHER DEFINITIONS.
18	Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20
19	U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) is amended—
20	(1) by redesignating section 909 as section
21	907A and moving that section 907A so as to follow
22	section 907; and
23	(2) by adding at the end the following:
24	<b>"SEC. 909. OTHER DEFINITIONS.</b>
25	"In this title:

"(1) COVERED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU CATION.—The term 'covered institution of higher
 education' means an entity described in section
 908(2)(A).

5 "(2) COVERED SCHOOL SYSTEM.—The term
6 'covered school system' means an entity described in
7 section 908(2)(B).

8 "(3) TITLE IX COORDINATOR.—The term 'title 9 IX coordinator' means the individual who coordi-10 nates the efforts of a covered school system to com-11 ply with, and carry out the system's responsibilities 12 under, this title.".

### 13 SEC. 10. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

14 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to imply that
15 intercollegiate athletic associations (as defined in section
16 2)—

(1) are not covered by title IX of the Education
Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.); or
(2) were not covered by that title on the day before the date of enactment of this Act.