

KATHY SZELIGA
Legislative District 7A
Baltimore County

Health and Government
Operations Committee

Government Operations and
Health Facilities Subcommittee

Insurance and Pharmaceuticals
Subcommittee

Rules and Executive
Nominations Committee



Annapolis Office
The Maryland House of Delegates
6 Bladen Street, Room 322
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
410-841-3698 · 301-858-3698
800-492-7122 Ext. 3698
Fax 410-841-3023 · 301-858-3023
Kathy.Szeliga@house.state.md.us

The Maryland House of Delegates
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

**HB0047 Education – Interscholastic and Intramural Junior Varsity and Varsity Teams –
Designation Based on Sex (**Fairness in Girls’ Sports Act**)**

SUPPORT

WHAT DOES THIS BILL DO?

HB0047 ensures that girls who qualify for high school JV and Varsity girls’ sports are competing against other biological girls. It is about protecting girls’ opportunities for success in competitive sports. It is essential to have fairness and safety in sports for girls to hold state records, qualify for collegiate scholarships, and have higher levels of confidence and self-esteem.

WHY DO WE NEED THIS BILL?

Title IX’s prohibition of sex discrimination is based on sex – male and female. It does not sanction males, with distinct physiological advantages regardless of treatment, to compete in female sports. We must recognize sex to ensure equal opportunity and fair competition.

SAFETY should always take priority. Males have physiological and performance advantages over females, including cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, and speed/agility. Biological sex is the single most important determinant of athletic performance. To deny these facts is to deny science—sex matters in sports for women to be recognized as champions and for their equal opportunity.

This bill DOES NOT BAN trans kids from playing sports. NO ONE is excluded from participation in sports. We include EVERYONE by dividing sport eligibility categories into age groups, weight class, disability status, and SEX. This ensures equal opportunity for all.

Please vote **favorable** on HB0047 for Maryland’s girls, because every young woman deserves the opportunity to not only participate in their own sports but also to win.