
Planned Parenthood of Maryland

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment

Bill: Senate Bill 50 Education - Interscholastic and Intramural Junior Varsity and Varsity Teams and Sports – Designation (Fairness in Girls' Sports Act)

Hearing: February 18 , 2026

Position: UNFAVORABLE

Planned Parenthood of Maryland (PPM) strongly opposes Senate Bill 50 Education-Interscholastic and Intramural Junior Varsity and Varsity Teams and Sports Designation (Fairness in Girls' Sports Act).

Senate Bill 50 would require Maryland schools to exclude transgender girls from girls' sports teams and sports dependent on "biological sex." The bill also prevents acceptance of, and investigations into, complaints over the implementation of this law.

Additionally, all major medical and mental health organizations including the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Medical Association, American Psychological Association, and American School Counselor Association consistently affirm that transgender youth are not a threat to their peers and that inclusive school environments improve mental health, academic performance, and overall safety. These organizations warn that **exclusionary policies increase stigma, harassment, and suicide risk** among transgender students. SB50 contradicts this evidence and would undermine the well-being of young people who already face disproportionate levels of bullying and victimization.

Maryland has a strong history of protecting LGBTQIA+ residents and ensuring equal access to education. SB50 would undermine that progress by imposing a rigid, exclusionary framework that contradicts medical expertise, civil rights law, and the lived experiences of Maryland students. Transgender youth are part of our communities. They deserve the same opportunities for belonging, growth, and participation as every other young person in our state.

For these reasons, Planned Parenthood of Maryland respectfully urges an **Unfavorable** report from the Education, Energy, and the Environment committee. Please contact Erin Bradley, Vice President of Public Affairs, at erin.bradley@ppm.care or (443) 604-3544 for additional information.