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# SB 140 Even Playing Field Act Sectional Analysis

"An Act relating to school athletics, recreation, athletic teams, and sports"

## Section 1 - Page 1, Lines 3 - 4

Adds subsection (d) to AS 14.18.040 stating the word "sex" to mean biological sex.

# <u>Section 2 – Page 1, Lines 5 – 15; Page 2, Lines 1 – 25</u>

Amends AS 14.18 by adding *Article 2. Designation of Athletic Teams and Sports* and the following subsections:

### Sec. 14.18.150. Page 1, Lines 7 – 14

- (a) Students or teams from a public or private school whose teams compete against a public school must designate each school-sponsored team or sport as follows:
  - (1) male, men or boys' team or sport
  - (2) female, women, or girls' team or sport; or
  - (3) coeducational or mixed team or sport
- (b) Any student who participates in an athletic team or sport that is designated "female, women, or girls" must be female, based on the participant's biological sex.

### Sec.14.18.160. Page 1, Line 15; Page 2 – Lines 1 – 3

Protects schools and school districts from complaints, investigations, or any adverse actions for complying with AS 14.18.150.

### Sec. 14.18.170. Page 2 – Lines 4 – 19

Discusses liability and recourse for a student deprived of an athletic opportunity or suffers direct or indirect harm resulting from a violation of AS 14.18.150; or for a student who suffers retaliation for reporting a violation of the aforementioned. Discusses same liability and recourse for schools or school districts that suffer direct or indirect harm as a result of a violation of AS 14.18.150. Allows for a two-year statute of limitations.

## Sec. 14.18.180. Page 2 – Lines 20 – 25

Defines "school" as an elementary, junior high, secondary, or post-secondary school. Defines "school district" as a borough school district, city school district, regional educational attendance area, state boarding school, and/or state centralized correspondence study program.

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