

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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### House Bill 4825

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Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §18-2-25c, relating to requiring students to compete only against students of  
 3 the same biological gender in any athletic contests or competitions in public schools.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

**§18-2-25c. Athletic contests or competitions based upon biological gender.**

1 Every athletic contest or competition, including training and practice competitions, at any  
 2 grade level at any public school, whether the competition be in-class, intramural, or  
 3 interscholastic, shall be structured so that only students of the same biological gender shall  
 4 compete against each other. For purposes of this section, biological gender means the gender of  
 5 the student as determined at the time of birth and recorded on the student's birth certificate.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require students to compete only against students of the same biological gender in any athletic contests or competitions in public schools.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.