
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8409

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By Senators McAuliffe, Kohl and Jacobsen

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1 WHEREAS, Young women who participate in organized athletic programs
2 have statistically lower rates of teenage pregnancy, drug involvement,
3 dropping out of high school, being victims of domestic violence, and
4 mental health problems; and

5 WHEREAS, Participation rates of young women in organized athletic
6 programs in Washington public schools continue to be lower than
7 participation rates for young men; and

8 WHEREAS, Female coaches can serve as positive role models for young
9 women and dispel stereotypes and expectations about women and sports;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The number of female athletic coaches in Washington public
12 schools continues to be lower than the number of male athletic coaches;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
14 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a joint
15 legislative advisory committee on female athletic coaches in public
16 schools be established; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall study and make
18 recommendations to the legislature on the recruitment and retention of
19 female athletic coaches in Washington public schools. The study shall
20 examine causes of the unequal number of female versus male athletic
21 coaches, and shall consider solutions including, but not limited to:

1 Creating a clearinghouse for female coaches, changing certification
2 requirements, providing incentives in higher education for future
3 female coaches, and modifying the recruitment and hiring procedures for
4 athletic coaches; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the President of the Senate and the
6 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint eleven members to
7 the committee that shall include:

8 (1) One member from each caucus of the legislature;

9 (2) The superintendent of public instruction, or the
10 superintendent's designee;

11 (3) A representative from a nonprofit gender equity-in-athletics
12 advocacy organization;

13 (4) A representative from the Washington interscholastic athletics
14 association;

15 (5) The director of an athletic program in a Washington state
16 public school;

17 (6) A female coach currently working in a Washington state public
18 school;

19 (7) A representative from the school of education of a college or
20 university in Washington; and

21 (8) A current female student athlete from a Washington state public
22 school; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the advisory committee report its
24 findings and recommendations to the Senate and House of Representatives
25 education committees by December 15, 1997.

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