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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 93

RECOGNIZING TITLE IX'S 51ST ANNIVERSARY AND ITS POSITIVE IMPACT ON STUDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the members of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware wish to recognize and
2 commemorate the 51st anniversary of the enactment of Title IX and to celebrate its history and impact; and

3 WHEREAS, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, popularly referred to as Title IX, was passed on
4 June 23, 1972, codifying protection from discrimination based on sex in educational programs, stating that "No person in
5 the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subjected to
6 discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance;" and

7 WHEREAS, Title IX applies to schools, local and state educational agencies, and other institutions that receive
8 federal financial assistance, including approximately 17,600 local school districts, over 5,000 postsecondary institutions,
9 charter schools, for-profit schools, libraries, and museums, and requires that these recipients operate their education
10 programs and activities in a nondiscriminatory manner free of discrimination based on sex, including sexual orientation and
11 gender identity; and

12 WHEREAS, recipients of federal financial assistance have Title IX obligations in many key areas, including
13 recruitment, admissions, counseling, financial assistance, athletics, sex-based harassment, sexual violence, treatment of
14 pregnant and parenting students, treatment of LGBTQI+ students, discipline, single-sex education, and employment; and

15 WHEREAS, before Title IX, women were often excluded from, or had only limited access to, higher education
16 programs, as colleges and universities set quotas for the admission of women or prohibited them altogether, and women
17 who were accepted often had the requirement of higher test scores and grades for their admission; and

18 WHEREAS, discrimination based on sex did not cease after admission; often, women had less access to
19 scholarships and were excluded from "male" programs, such as medicine; they also faced more restrictive rules than their
20 male peers, such as early curfews; this resulted in a college graduation rate for women of 8%, which was almost half that of
21 men in 1970; and

22 WHEREAS, since 1972, educational attainment rates among women have increased; as of 2021, the percentage of
23 women who had completed at least high school increased to 95%, the percentage with an associate degree increased to

24 55%, the percentage with a bachelor's degree increased to 44% and the percentage with a master's or higher degree
25 increased to 12%; and

26 WHEREAS, prior to Title IX, there were just over 300,000 girls participating in high school and college athletics,
27 and collegiate sports teams and scholarships were overwhelmingly reserved for men's athletics; women's sports often
28 received less than 5% of the overall athletics budget at colleges and universities, and only 15% of women in college
29 participated in an organized or competitive sport; and

30 WHEREAS, the number of girls participating in high school sports has increased by ten times the amount prior to
31 Title IX's adoption. Girls now comprise 42% of high school athletes, and 44% of college athletes are now women; and

32 WHEREAS, while Title IX has made several necessary and welcomed advancements in the protection against
33 sexual discrimination, there is still work to be done for the next generation of students, including addressing research that
34 has discovered that the difference between girls and boys sports is significantly greater when the student body is
35 predominantly comprised of racial and ethnic minorities, addressing the education and pay gap that exists between degrees
36 dominated by men and those dominated by women, and addressing the sexual harassment and discrimination based on
37 sexual orientation and gender identity that continue to plague students at all levels; and

38 WHEREAS, while Title IX has been instrumental in fostering more than 50 years of progress toward equality in
39 educational institutions and the workplace, there remains progress to be made; and

40 WHEREAS, the State of Delaware remains committed to ensuring campus safety, ending sex-based discrimination
41 against all students in elementary, secondary, and higher education, and providing equal opportunities for all students.

42 NOW, THEREFORE:

43 BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
44 Representatives concurring therein, recognizes the impact of this historic legislation that is now in its 51st year.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Delaware General Assembly urges the citizens of Delaware to continue
46 their commitment to the ideals of Title IX and work to build upon its foundation to continue to expand the protection of
47 equal rights.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution recognizes the 51st anniversary of Title IX and its positive impact on students.

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