



## **What is a Woman Act? / Woman's Bill of Rights (HB 229)**

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In the past decade, there has been an increase of policies and even laws that have implemented the ideology of “gender identity” to create special categories of rights based on a person’s proclaimed “gender identity”. These policies and social practices have had the consequence of denying women their opportunities to education, employment, and sex-separate spaces. In 1972, Congress passed Title IX which granted federal protection and equal opportunity for women in education and sports. During the Biden administration, the Department of Education proposed a rule that would include “gender identity” in the definition of “sex”. The proposed rule would have allowed men in women’s sports, locker rooms, sororities, and restrooms. While President Donald Trump has issued an Executive Order declaring that there are only 2 sexes, state law is still need to ensure permanent compliance of state and local entities.

### **Why HB 229 is needed:**

- Right now, females are losing athletic, employment, and educational opportunities to biological males.
- Right now, males are gaining access to sororities, domestic violence shelters, locker rooms, women’s prisons, and rape crisis centers.
- Right now, women and girls who do not consent to these practices are being threatened, coerced, and shamed into silence and submission.
- Right now, people who speak the truth about male and female sex differences are being punished and cancelled.
- Single-sex private spaces are at risk of disappearing.
- Judges, unelected bureaucrats, or school districts could forbid public entities from separating or distinguishing between males and females even where privacy, safety, or biological differences remain relevant.
- Judges, unelected bureaucrats, or school districts could require prison systems to allow males to simply self-identify into women’s correctional facilities.
- Judges, unelected bureaucrats, or school districts could require schools and athletic associations to allow males to self-identify into women’s sports and locker rooms.
- Judges, unelected bureaucrats, or school boards require public programs to grant women’s scholarships and opportunities to males.
- Judges, unelected bureaucrats, or school boards could forbid colleges and universities from operating or hosting women-only sororities and men-only fraternities.

### **What HB 229 does:**

- Includes definitions of sex-based words like ‘woman,’ ‘man,’ ‘male,’ ‘female,’ and ‘sex’.
- Defines “male” and “female” based on the primary function to reproduce, which serves as the purpose for the two sexes.
  - Female is an individual whose biological reproductive system is developed to produce ova.
  - Male is an individual whose biological reproductive is developed to fertilize the ova of a female.
  - \*Any rare disorder of sexual development is not an exception to the binary nature of sex.
- Grants legal protection to defend women’s single-sex spaces and opportunities (sports, prisons, locker rooms, women’s domestic violence shelters, etc.)
- Protects female sports.
- Protects the integrity of government-collected vital data statistics.
- Would reinforce the current policies of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) where applications to change “sex” on driver’s licenses are not accepted and the Department State Health Services (DSHS) where applications to change “sex” on birth certificates are not accepted.