



**House  
Legislative  
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**LIMIT ELIMINATION OF ATHLETIC  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

**House Bill 5482**

**Sponsor: Rep. Beverly Hammerstrom  
Committee: Higher Education**

**Complete to 4-10-96**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5482 AS INTRODUCED 12-13-96**

House Bill 5482 would amend the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act. As of the effective date of the bill, educational institutions would be barred doing any of the following for the sole purpose of affecting the overall ratio of male to female athletic participants at the institution:

**\*\*Eliminating intercollegiate or interscholastic athletic programs at the institution.**

**\*\*Reducing the existing level of services or number of scholarships provided for intercollegiate or interscholastic athletic programs at the institution.**

**\*\*Denying a student the opportunity to participate in an intercollegiate or interscholastic athletic program.**

The bill would also specify that an educational institution would not be able to cite compliance with certain other provisions of the act as grounds for taking any of the actions listed above. Specifically, the actions listed above could not be authorized by the current prohibition against denying individuals the full and equal enjoyment of goods, services, facilities, etc. of a place of public accommodation or public service on the basis of an individual's religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, or marital status; nor could those actions be supported by the provision in the act that forbids an educational institution from limiting individuals access to services, activities, or programs provided by the institution based upon the religion, race, color, national origin, or sex of the particular individual.

**MCL 37.2302 and 37.2402**

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