# SENATE
## STATE OF MINNESOTA
## NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

# S.F. No. 3979

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| | | Referred to Education Policy |

A bill for an act

relating to education; preserving girls sports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 121A.04, by adding a subdivision; 128C.02, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 121A.04, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4a. **Preserving girls sports.** (a) This subdivision may be cited as the "Preserving Girls Sports Act."

(b) A school-sponsored interscholastic, intramural, or club athletic team must be expressly designated as one of the following categories of teams based on the biological sex of team members at birth:

(1) males;

(2) females; or

(3) coeducational.

(c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the membership of athletic teams or sports designated for females must only be open to participants who were biological females at birth.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 128C.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10. **Girls sports.** The league must adopt league rules and policy consistent with section 121A.04, subdivision 4a.