
SENATE BILL 5898

State of Washington

55th Legislature

1997 Regular Session

By Senators Jacobsen, Wojahn, Wood, Brown, Kline, Sheldon, Goings, Snyder, Thibaudeau, Franklin, Bauer, Swanson, Winsley and Kohl

Read first time 02/18/97. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 AN ACT Relating to encouraging young girls to participate in
2 organized athletics; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 The legislature finds a relationship between a lack of
7 participation by girls in organized athletic programs and increased
8 rates of occurrence for girls in teenage pregnancy, dropping out of
9 high school, drug involvement, domestic violence, and mental health
10 problems. The legislature finds that girls who do not participate in
11 organized athletic programs at a young age are less likely to
12 participate in organized athletic programs in high school and college.

13 School districts are encouraged to adopt policies to provide a
14 mentoring program for female athletes in elementary schools. Mentoring
15 programs may consist of visits to elementary schools by female high
16 school, college, and professional female athletes.

1 The center for the improvement of student learning shall distribute
2 information about effective mentoring programs for female athletes.

--- END ---