

Planning and Development Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-327

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF FEDERAL TITLE IX PROTECTIONS FOR ALL

Title: MUNICIPAL RECREATION AREAS AND SCHOOL SPORTS FACILITIES.

Vote Date: 3/18/2022

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/9/2022

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Planning and Development Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This legislation intends to establish a working group to study the feasibility of Title IX assessment of municipal recreation areas and facilities used for organized sports and public sports facilities. This working group would aim to facilitate and maintain equality between men's and women's sports in the state of Connecticut.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Senator Bob Duff, 25th Dist., Senate Majority Leader, Connecticut General Assembly

Senator Duff testified in support of SB 327. He began his testimony by citing the historic US Women's Soccer Team's court battle to end the gender pay gap in U.S Soccer. Senator Duff then notes that there are still many injustices that female athletes face despite the increasing attention to those issues. Senator Duff proceeds to urge the committee to favorably report this bill out of committee, as mitigating inequalities for athletes in Connecticut is of the utmost importance.

Donna Hamzy Carroccia, Advocacy Manager, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities

Ms. Hamzy Carroccia submitted testimony in support of SB 327 and its intentions. She proposes that the committee should consider providing municipal CEO appointment on the working group. Ms. Hamzy Carroccia provided the committee with her appointment suggestion of one municipal CEO from a municipality with a population of 80,000 or more, as well as one municipal CEO from a population of under 80,000.

Dr. Glenn Lungarini, Executive Director, Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS)

Dr. Lungarini testified in support of SB 327. He and his organization, CT Association of Schools, support both athletic and academic activities and continue to advocate for equality between participants. Dr. Lungarini says the CAS is a reputable Title IX resource and frequently consults with schools on the evaluation and compliance with Title IX programs. Dr. Lungarini requests that a member of CAS-CIAC be appointed to the working group this bill would create.

Valerie Stolfi Collins, Executive Director, Connecticut Recreation and parks

Association, Inc. (CRPA) Ms. Stolfi Collins submitted testimony in support of Sb 327. She provided a synopsis of the mission of her organization, emphasizing their commitment to promoting active lifestyles and preserving quality of life. Additionally, she testified that CRPA represents over 750 individuals and 134 municipal part and recreation departments in Connecticut. As such, she requests that the committee appoint a member of the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association to the working group.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Madison Chain

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