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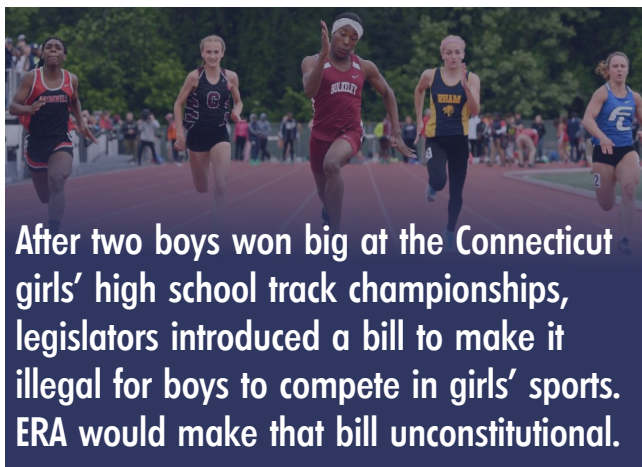
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# Fact Sheet: ERA Destroys Girls' Sports

*The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) would require blind equal treatment between men and women with no reasonable exceptions to accommodate biological differences.*

**That means boys would have a constitutional right to play in girls' sports.**

Boys are typically much stronger and faster than girls because of the naturally higher amounts of testosterone in their bodies. ERA would force the law to ignore science.



After two boys won big at the Connecticut girls' high school track championships, legislators introduced a bill to make it illegal for boys to compete in girls' sports. ERA would make that bill unconstitutional.

**Having separate girls and boys teams would not be an option under ERA.**

The legal principle of "separate but equal" was struck down in the case *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954) which ruled that separate but equal accommodations "are inherently unequal," even if funding is exactly the same.

Although laws regarding youth athletics have historically been reserved to the states, ERA would give Congress all "power to enforce" blind equality onto state education and athletic programs.



**Youth sports isn't just about bragging rights. Girls who lose to boys in sports lose out on thousands of dollars in scholarships.**