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LD 233

I do not support LD 233.

At what point will we be having people checking children's genitals before they step onto a playing field or court? Will this happen before the games? Before the season starts? Will this fall on the athletic director to enforce? Coaches? Does this apply to all MPA events including theater, chess, and speech and debate?

How will this impact intersex children, who make up statistically 1.7% of the population? Is this based on genetic testing or physical presentation? Who will be paying for the genetic testing if not covered by insurance? If someone appears feminine will that pass the test? If they appear male and have more body hair, will they be subject to more scrutiny? What if a female has PCOS or an endocrine imbalance which causes increased body hair?

Thank you for considering these questions while rejecting this proposed legislation.