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If this bill is passed, Girls all over the state could be under investigation for simply not fitting a societal expectation of what a girl is supposed to look like. The obsession with enforcing stereotypes of femininity, has resulted in girls being targeted with harassment and threats of violence. We should not wait until enough cisgender girls and women are falsely accused of being transgender in order to realize the consequences of this type of legislation. Girls are allowed to be strong, to dress and appear however they like, and it should not be the agenda of our legislators to make girls feel the only way to be accepted in sports is to adhere to toxic femininity standards.

The sensationalization of the “debate” of transgender girls in sports (or public life in general) has completely glossed over the fact that only a handful of student athletes are transgender.

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