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Bills that discriminate against transgender students violate both state and federal constitutional guarantees of equal protection

LD 233, LD 868, and LD 1134 are discriminatory on the basis of sex and therefore are not constitutional.

Title IX prohibits sex discrimination and does not require a prohibition on transgender or intersex athletes.

The Maine Human Rights Act adopted protections for gender identity in 2005. Any attempt to strip Maine's federal funding for protecting trans people is a federal overreach because it is inaccurate about the law and Maine acted in accord with law at all times. Passing this would reward the federal government's bullying tactics and open the door for further attacks on Mainers' civil rights, but it won't make Maine more safe or fair for anyone.