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## PROHIBIT SEX-BASED REDUCTION OF ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

**House Bill 4455**

**Sponsor: Rep. Beverly Hammerstrom**

**Committee: Constitutional and Civil  
Rights**

**Complete to 3-18-98**

### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4455 AS INTRODUCED 3-6-98**

The Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act prohibits a person from denying an individual "the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of a place of public accommodation or public service because of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, or marital status," and prohibits an educational institution from discriminating against an individual "in the full utilization of or benefit from the institution, or the services, activities, or programs provided by the institution because of religion, race, color, national origin, or sex."

The bill would amend the act to prohibit an educational institution from (a) eliminating, or reducing the level of services or number of scholarships provided for, an existing intercollegiate or interscholastic athletic program, or (b) denying to a student the opportunity to participate in such an athletic program, solely to affect the overall ratio of male to female athletic participants at the educational institution. The bill also would say that an educational institution (or "a place of public accommodation or public service that [was] an educational institution") was not authorized or required to eliminate, or reduce the level of services or number of scholarships provided for, such existing intercollegiate or interscholastic athletic programs.

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