



Roy Cooper, Governor  
*State of North Carolina*

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

***House Bill 574, "AN ACT TO PROTECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ATHLETICS."***

We don't need politicians inflaming their political culture wars by making broad, uninformed decisions about an extremely small number of vulnerable children that are already handled by a robust system that relies on parents, schools and sports organizations. Republican governors in other states have vetoed similar bills because they hurt their states' reputation and economy and because they are neither fair nor needed.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Cooper".

Roy Cooper  
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023, at 1:03 pm for reconsideration by that body.

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without the invalid provisions or application and, to this end, the provisions of this act are severable.

**SECTION 3.(b)** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

Phil Berger  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

**VETO**

Donna McDowell White  
Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Roy Cooper  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ .m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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