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## **PROFS Continues to Oppose Legislation That Would Limit Participation of Transgender Athletes in Intercollegiate or Intramural Sports (AB 378)**

Today, the Wisconsin Assembly met today and voted to approve Assembly Bill 378, legislation that would require transgender athletes to participate in intercollegiate or intramural sports that match the sex to which they were assigned at birth. PROFS opposes this legislation and has registered against AB 378 and Senate Bill 300, its companion bill.

We opposed this type of legislation in 2021 and are disappointed, but not surprised, a similar version was introduced this session and quickly scheduled for a vote. While Governor Tony Evers has said he will veto the bill should it reach his desk, we recognize the effect this discriminatory legislation has on UW-Madison faculty, staff, and students.

“Reintroducing this type of legislation is spiteful and cruel and designed to continue the culture of division that some extreme members of the GOP – locally and nationally – prefer,” says PROFS President Michael Bernard-Donals. “On a practical level, the bill is an example of excessive micromanagement of the university’s intercollegiate and intramural sports program and likely unconstitutional, which could lead to a massive loss of federal funding and problems with the NCAA.”

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