

# STATE OF INDIANA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-35

**FOR: ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH COMMON-SENSE PROTECTIONS  
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN EDUCATION AND SPORTS**

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

**WHEREAS,** Title IX (20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq*) provides women with equal access and opportunity in education and sports programs and prohibits discrimination “on the basis of sex” in federally funded education programs or activities;

**WHEREAS,** though simple in concept, Title IX has been needlessly complicated by those who have sought to impose their views of gender identity onto education and sports programs;

**WHEREAS,** the Biden Administration interpreted Title IX to extend to issues of “gender identity” (2024 Title IX Rule) and replaced common-sense regulations previously issued by the Trump Administration (2020 Title IX Rule);

**WHEREAS,** on January 9, 2025, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky found the 2024 Title IX Rule invalid;

**WHEREAS,** on January 20, 2025, President Donald J. Trump issued an executive order finding that “it is the policy of the United States to recognize two sexes, male and female”;

**WHEREAS,** on January 31, 2025, the United States Department of Education (“USDOE”) clarified that, “effective immediately, [USDOE] will enforce Title IX under the provisions of the 2020 Title IX Rule . . .”;

**WHEREAS,** Indiana state educational institutions receive both state and federal funding for education programs and activities; and

**WHEREAS,** every female student in Indiana should be provided equal opportunity in education and athletics consistent with Indiana law and as guaranteed to them under the 2020 Title IX rules;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BRAUN,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order that:

1. The Indiana Commission for Higher Education (“Commission”) shall review the policies of Indiana’s state educational institutions related to post-secondary athletic programs to ensure compliance with the 2020 Title IX Rule, rather than the 2024 Title IX Rule. The review shall be completed by September 30, 2025, with a written report provided to the Governor and the Legislative Council by December 31, 2025.
2. The Commission shall conduct a follow-up review in 2026 and evaluate any changes made to such policies by Indiana’s state educational institutions and report its findings in a written report to the Governor and the Legislative Council by December 31, 2026.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I,  
Mike Braun, have hereunto set my  
hand and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Indiana on  
this 4th day of March, 2025.

*Mike Braun*

Mike Braun  
Governor of Indiana

ATTEST: *DIEGO MORALES*  
Diego Morales  
Secretary of State