

1 **OHIO STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

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3 **Resolution No. 28 – 2024**

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5 **Introduced by:** Young Physician Section and Medical Student Section

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7 **Subject:** Opposition to Requirements for Gender-Based Treatment for
8 Athletes

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10 **Referred to:** Resolutions Committee No. 2

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14 **WHEREAS**, the Ohio legislature overrode Governor DeWine’s veto of House Bill
15 68¹; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, in addition to banning transgender minors from receiving gender-
18 affirming medical care, House Bill 68 will prevent transgender girls from participating in
19 girls’ and women’s sports¹; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, updated (2021) International Olympic Committee guidelines state:
22 • eligibility criteria should be established and implemented fairly and in a
23 manner that does not systematically exclude athletes from competition based
24 upon their gender identity, physical appearance and/or sex variations;
25 • no athlete should be subject to targeted testing because of, or aimed at
26 determining, their sex, gender identity and/or sex variations;
27 • athletes should not be pressured to undergo medically unnecessary
28 procedures or treatment to meet eligibility criteria; and
29 • criteria to determine eligibility should not include gynecological examinations
30 or other invasive physical examinations aimed at determining an athlete’s
31 gender or sex²; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, thresholds for hormonal assay cutoffs are arbitrary, and cannot be
34 used in an attempt to achieve “fairness” in athletic competition, nor can they adequately
35 measure competitive advantage/disadvantage; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, AMA has policy opposing “(1) mandatory testing, medical treatment
38 or surgery for transgender athletes and athletes with Differences of Sex Development
39 (DSD), and affirm that these athletes be permitted to compete in alignment with their
40 identity; (2) the use of specific hormonal guidelines to determine gender classification
41 for athletic competitions; and (3) satisfying third-party requirements to certify or confirm
42 an athlete’s gender through physician participation”; and therefore

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44 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that Ohio State Medical Association opposes (1) mandatory
45 testing, medical treatment or surgery for transgender athletes and athletes with
46 Differences of Sex Development (DSD), and affirm that these athletes be permitted to

47 compete in alignment with their identity; (2) the use of specific hormonal guidelines to
48 determine gender classification for athletic competitions; and (3) satisfying third-party
49 requirements to certify or confirm an athlete's gender through physician participation.

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51 **Fiscal Note:** \$ (Sponsor)
52 \$ 500 (Staff)

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