

Subd. 2. In a proceeding before a board, commission, agency, or licensing authority of the state, or of a political subdivision of the state, where a witness or the principal party in interest is a handicapped person, all of the proceedings that are pertinent shall be interpreted in a language the handicapped person understands by a qualified interpreter appointed by the board, commission, agency, or licensing authority.

Sec. 3. **[546.44] QUALIFIED INTERPRETER.** Subdivision 1. No person shall be appointed as a qualified interpreter pursuant to sections 1 to 3 unless he is readily able to communicate with the handicapped person, translate the proceedings for him, and accurately repeat and translate the statements of the handicapped person to the officials before whom the proceeding is taking place.

Subd. 2. A qualified interpreter appointed pursuant to the provisions of sections 1 to 3, before entering upon his duties shall take an oath that he will, to the best of his skill and judgment, make a true interpretation to the handicapped person being examined of all the proceedings, in a language which the person understands, and that he will repeat in the English language the statements of the handicapped person to the court or other official before whom the proceeding is taking place.

Subd. 3. The fees and expenses of a qualified interpreter shall be determined by the presiding official and paid by the court, board, commission, agency or licensing authority before whom the proceeding is taking place.

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CHAPTER 338—H.F.No.69

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An act relating to athletics; providing for equal opportunity for members of both sexes to participate in athletics; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Chapter 126, by adding a section; repealing Laws 1974, Chapter 355, Section 68, Subdivision 4.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Chapter 126, is amended by adding a section to read as follows:

[126.21] DISCRIMINATION; ATHLETICS; EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. Subdivision 1. Notwithstanding any other state law to the contrary, in athletic programs operated by educational institutions or public services and designed for participants 12 years old or older or in the

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seventh grade or above, it is not an unfair discriminatory practice:

(1) to restrict membership on an athletic team to participants of one sex, if this restriction is necessary to provide members of each sex with an equal opportunity to participate in the athletic program; provided, if a membership restriction on the basis of sex results in the operation of two teams in the same sport which are separated or substantially separated according to sex, the two teams shall be operated in compliance with all the provisions of clause (2) of this subdivision; or

(2) to provide two teams in the same sport which are in fact separated or substantially separated according to sex, if the two teams are provided with substantially equal budgets per participant, exclusive of gate receipts and other revenues generated by that sport, and in all other respects are treated in a substantially equal manner. The two teams shall be operated separately only in those activities where separation is necessary to provide the members of each sex equal opportunity to participate in the athletic program.

Subd. 2. Any organization, association or league entered into by educational institutions or public services for the purpose of promoting sports or adopting rules and regulations for the conduct of athletic contests between members shall effective July 1, 1976 provide rules and regulations and conduct its activities so as to permit its members to comply fully with subdivision 1 and section 363.03, subdivisions 4 and 5.

Subd. 3. Educational institutions and public services shall make every reasonable effort to provide substantially equal budgets per participant pursuant to subdivision 1 during the school year 1975-1976, and thereafter shall provide substantially equal budgets per participant pursuant to subdivision 1. Educational institutions and public services shall phase out separation based on sex in athletic programs designed for participants 11 years old or younger and in the sixth grade or below during the school years 1975-1976, 1976-1977, and 1977-1978, and thereafter shall comply fully with subdivision 1 and section 363.03, subdivisions 4 and 5.

Sec. 2. Laws 1974, Chapter 355, Section 68, Subdivision 4, is repealed.

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