

# **FACT SHEET**

# **House Committee on Education and the Workforce**

Ranking Member Robert C. "Bobby" Scott

# Vote "NO" on H.J. Res. 165, Extreme Republicans' Attempt to Repeal Protections for Women, Girls, LGBTQIA+, and Survivors of Sexual Assault

#### What is Title IX?

Title IX is a federal civil rights law in the United States that was passed as part of the *Education Amendments of* 1972. Its primary purpose is to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex in any education program or activity that receives federal funding.

### What does the Biden-Harris Administration's final Title IX rule do?

On April 19, 2024, the Biden-Harris Administration issued a final rule on Title IX that would:

- 1. **Protect against all sex-based harassment and discrimination** by explicitly prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex characteristics.
- 2. **Promote accountability and fairness** by requiring schools to respond promptly to all complaints with a fair, transparent, and reliable process that includes trained, unbiased decision-makers.
- 3. **Empower and support students and families** by protecting against retaliation against students and school employees who exercise their rights under Title IX.

# Does the Biden-Harris Administration's final Title IX rule address participation in sports?

No, the Biden-Harris Administration's final Title IX rule \*does not\* address students' participation in sports. The Administration has proposed a separate rule on transgender students participation in sports but the rule has not yet been finalized.

## What would happen if H.J.Res. 165 became law?

If <u>H.J. Res. 165</u> it would repeal the Biden-Harris Administration's Title IX rule, and **leave in place the harmful Trump-DeVos era Title IX rule**. The Trump-DeVos era rule allowed colleges and universities to turn a blind eye to incidents of sexual harassment and discrimination that they should have had knowledge of and only required schools to address the most severe and pervasive cases of sexual harassment and discrimination. Moreover, **no future Administration would be able to reissue similar protections**.

# Why do Congressional Republicans support H.J. Res 165?

Extreme Republicans have invented a narrative that portrays trans individuals as criminals attempting to enter restrooms to harm young girls when that is simply not supported by evidence or data. Transgender people want the same things everyone wants — safety, comfort, and privacy. We must work to protect the transgender community from discrimination, not further a false narrative that exacerbates and encourages prejudice against innocent people.

# Does the Biden-Harris Administration support H.J. Res 165?

No, the Administration strongly opposes H.J. Res. 165. If the President were presented with H.J. Res. 165, he would **veto** it.