

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend chapter 2205 of title 36, United States Code, to ensure equal treatment of athletes, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. CAPITO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Equal Pay for Team
5 USA Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. EQUAL TREATMENT OF ATHLETES.**

7 (a) MODIFICATION OF PURPOSES OF UNITED
8 STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE.—Section 220503 of title
9 36, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (14), by striking “; and” and
2 inserting a semicolon;

3 (2) in paragraph (15), by striking the period at
4 the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(16) with respect to a sport for which separate
7 programs for female and male athletes are con-
8 ducted on a national basis, to ensure that female
9 and male athletes who represent the United States
10 in international amateur athletic competitions re-
11 ceive equal and nondiscriminatory compensation,
12 wages, benefits, medical care, travel arrangements,
13 and payment of reimbursement for expenses.”.

14 (b) DUTY OF NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES.—Sec-
15 tion 220524 of title 36, United States Code, is amended—

16 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (7) through
17 (9) as paragraphs (8) through (10), respectively;
18 and

19 (2) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
20 lowing:

21 “(7) with respect to a sport for which separate
22 programs for female and male athletes are con-
23 ducted on a national basis, provide to female and
24 male athletes representing the United States in
25 international amateur athletic competitions equal

1 and nondiscriminatory compensation, wages, bene-
2 fits, medical care, travel arrangements, and payment
3 or reimbursement for expenses;”.

4 (c) ANNUAL REPORT ON EQUAL TREATMENT OF
5 ATHLETES.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter
7 2205 of title 36, United States Code, is amended by
8 adding at the end the following:

9 “§ 220530A Annual report on equal treatment of ath-
10 letes

11 “Not less frequently than annually, each national
12 governing body shall submit to the corporation and Con-
13 gress a report on the compliance of the national governing
14 body with section 220524(7).”.

15 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of
16 sections for chapter 2205 of title 36, United States
17 Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
18 lowing:

“Sec. 220530A. Annual report on equal treatment of athletes.”.

19 (d) IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD AND REPORTS TO
20 CONGRESS.—Not later than January 31, 2022—

21 (1) the corporation shall—

22 (A) attain full compliance, and ensure that
23 each national governing body attains full com-
24 pliance, with the applicable provisions of law
25 amended by this Act; and

1 (B) submit to Congress a report describing
2 such compliance of the corporation and each
3 national governing body; and

4 (2) each national governing body shall—

5 (A) attain full compliance with the applica-
6 ble provisions of law amended by this Act; and

7 (B) submit to Congress a report describing
8 such compliance of the national governing body.