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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

ENCOURAGING DELAWARE SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS TO UTILIZE THE CENTRALIZED DISCIPLINARY
ONLINE DATABASE, TRAINING, AND ABUSE-PREVENTION RESOURCES OFFERED BY THE U.S CENTER
FOR SAFESPORT.

1 WHEREAS, sexual, physical, and emotional abuse of young athletes is prevalent throughout the nation; and

2 WHEREAS, providing a safe space and culture to protect athletes from harm and abuse is critical; and

3 WHEREAS, the federal Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017
4 codified the U.S. Center for SafeSport, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, as the nation's safe sport organization; and

5 WHEREAS, SafeSport is dedicated solely to ending sexual, physical, and emotional abuse of athletes in every
6 sport; and

7 WHEREAS, SafeSport has the scope and authority to resolve abuse and misconduct reports for more than 11
8 million people throughout the U.S Olympic and Paralympic Movement; and

9 WHEREAS, SafeSport establishes the policies and processes for the Center's Response & Resolution Office,
10 provides the rules and procedures for the investigation and resolution of reported incidents, and defines the various forms of
11 prohibited conduct for participants, including the various forms of sexual, emotional, and physical abuse; and

12 WHEREAS, a 2021 SafeSport Athlete Culture & Climate Survey received responses from nearly 4,000 U.S
13 Olympic and Paralympic athletes in more than 50 sports; and

14 WHEREAS, 93% of respondents who experienced sexual harassment or unwanted sexual contact did not submit a
15 formal report or complaint; and

16 WHEREAS, more than half of the respondents who indicated having unwanted sexual experiences said that some
17 or all of those experiences happened when they were under 18 years of age; and

18 WHEREAS, SafeSport has resolved over 5,000 cases since its creation in 2017; and

19 WHEREAS, SafeSport has delivered more than 2 million online trainings, created 12 new courses, and developed
20 scores of abuse-prevention resources; and

21 WHEREAS, Congress, the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, 50 National Governing Bodies, foundations,
22 and individual donors fund SafeSport to end sexual, physical, and emotional abuse on behalf of athletes everywhere.

23 NOW, THEREFORE:

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
25 Representatives concurring therein, that the General Assembly acknowledges and supports the work of the U.S Center for
26 SafeSport and is committed to raising awareness and supporting solutions that aim to prevent sexual, emotional, and
27 physical abuse in sports.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly encourages Delaware sports organizations, especially
29 those serving youth, to regularly review the SafeSport Centralized Disciplinary Online Database; and encourages Delaware
30 organizations, especially those serving youth, to utilize the training and abuse-prevention resources offered by the U.S
31 Center for SafeSport.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution encourages Delaware sports organizations to utilize services offered by the U.S. Center for SafeSport. This Concurrent Resolution describes the authority of SafeSport and its initiatives to protect athletes in every sport.

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