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Description: The states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina are suing the Biden-Harris administration for unlawfully rewriting Title IX, threatening female athletes, students, and teachers' privacy, safety, and freedom of speech.



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11th Circuit halts Biden-Harris admin's illegal overhaul of Title IX

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The following quote may be attributed to **Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Counsel Natalie Thompson** regarding the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit's [decision](#) Thursday to halt the Biden-Harris administration's unlawful rewrite of Title IX while the case *State of Alabama v. United States Secretary of Education* proceeds. ADF attorneys filed a [friend-of-the-court brief](#) with the court earlier this month on behalf of Female Athletes United and Christian Educators Association International. In the case, the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina are asking the 11th Circuit to protect their right to defend female athletes, students, and teachers' privacy, safety, and freedom of speech:

"Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina are right to seek to preserve safety, privacy, and free speech for their students, female athletes, and teachers. The Biden-Harris administration's radical redefinition of sex discrimination in Title IX upends our education system and ignores biological reality, science, and common sense. As we explained in our brief, under the administration's Title IX rule, educators like those we represent face potential punishment for expressing their beliefs at school that men cannot become women or vice versa. And women face the reality of their private spaces being opened to males who identify as female. In effect, the new rules create a nationwide speech code that polices teachers' and students' freedom of speech, undermines students' privacy in sex-specific spaces like showers and locker rooms, and threatens equal opportunities for girls in sports. The 11th Circuit was right to join the U.S. Supreme Court, two other federal appeals courts, and six district courts in stopping the administration's unlawful and dangerous extension of its authority."

ADF attorneys have filed [five similar lawsuits](#) challenging the administration's unlawful rewriting of Title IX. In those cases, they have won five victories temporarily halting the rule change at the federal district court level, two such victories at the federal appellate court level, in the [5th Circuit](#) and [6th Circuit](#), and one at the [Supreme Court](#).

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