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U.S. Sen. Marsha Blackburn introduces bill to permanently restore biological sex standard in Title IX based on bio reality



U.S. Sen. and Candidate for Tennessee Governor Marsha Blackburn

Bill Would Ensure Federal Education Funding Requirements Tied to Title IX Are Based on Biological Reality ***

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 4, 2026 – U.S. Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Katie Britt (R-Ala.), Jim Justice (R-W.Va.), Ted Budd (R-N.C.), Jim Risch (R-Idaho), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), and Tim Sheehy (R-Mont.) introduced the Title IX Clarification Act, which would ensure Title IX anti-discrimination requirements tied to federal education funding are based on biological sex and not “sexual orientation or gender identity.”

“The Biden administration weaponized Title IX to force women to compete with men in sports and allow men to invade women’s spaces,” said Senator Blackburn. “Thankfully, President Trump restored common sense in Title IX, and now Congress must codify these protections for women into law to prevent future abuse...”

women’s spaces,” said Senator Blackburn. “Thankfully, President Trump restored common sense in Title IX, and now Congress must codify these protections for women into law to prevent future abuse. The Title IX Clarification Act would ensure that common sense, not leftist ideology, governs federal education funding tied to Title IX requirements to protect young women.”

“President Trump has taken decisive action through executive orders to protect young women on campuses across the country. Now, we must ensure these protections are codified into federal law,” said Senator Britt. “We saw the Biden-Harris Administration cave to the woke mob and allow Title IX to be abused in ways that permitted biological men to infringe on girls’ sports and spaces. We cannot let that happen again, and this legislation will restore regulatory clarity to ensure it does not.”

“I’ve been blessed to spend many years coaching young ladies in West Virginia, and I can tell you this: they work their tails off and earn every opportunity they get. At the end of the day, they deserve a fair shot. That’s exactly what the Title IX Clarification Act is about. It puts common sense back into the law, protects the opportunities Title IX was meant to guarantee, and stands up for our girls and young women. Fighting for our female athletes is a fight I’ll take every single day,” said Senator Justice.

“We cannot allow the radical left’s campaign to succeed in undermining Title IX protections. While far too many activists refuse to acknowledge the differences between biological men and women, I am proud to join Senator Blackburn and my colleagues in this common-sense effort to ensure women and girls continue to receive equal access to educational opportunities,” said Senator Budd.

“Even after Idaho’s historic win to keep men out of women’s sports at the U.S. Supreme Court, the rights promised in Title IX remain under threat,” said Senator Risch. “The Title IX Clarification Act further guards these protections, clearly defining the biological differences between men and women, so that generations of young girls can continue participating in sports and other educational opportunities on a level playing field.”

“The original intent of Title IX was to protect women’s educational and athletic opportunities,” said Senator Crapo. “In a recent decision on Idaho’s first-in-the-nation law to ensure these opportunities do not go to biological males, the Supreme Court of the United States correctly ruled Title IX allows states to apply a biology-based understanding of maintaining separate sports categories. The Title IX Clarification Act preserves the existing framework of the law while making clear its protections are based on the biological definition of sex.”

“Title IX exists for a simple, obvious reason: women deserve their own spaces and proper protection under the law. That has been clear for all of human history, and we only need to clarify it now because of Democrats’ radical gender ideology,” said Senator Scott. “I’m grateful my daughters had Title IX protection; we shouldn’t make it meaningless to appease the radical left. I’m proud to join Senator Blackburn on this commonsense bill.”

“We need to protect fairness and opportunity for women. For 50 years, Title IX has leveled the playing field. Democrats continuously undermine these protections in their attempts to redefine biology. The Title IX Clarification Act would clearly

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Congratulatory messages to U.S. Sen. Blackburn on winning TN GOP Gubernatorial Primary

The Mid-South Tribune endorsed U.S. Sen. Marsha Blackburn for TN Governor. Over the years, we have endorsed the Senator because of sound policies. The Mid-Terms will be one of the most serious elections not only in Tennessee but in the nation. Blackburn will make a strong and committed governor to move forward an agenda to fight the Democratic Party-Democratic Socialists of America Party agenda. We, too, look forward to a well-worth fight to keep the foundation of America’s Constitution intact for another 250-plus years.

Ms. Arelya J. Mitchell, Publisher/Editor-in-Chief The Mid-South Tribune

AFC Victory Fund congratulates Sen. Marsha Blackburn

DALLAS, Texas — AFC Victory Fund today congratulated U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn on her victory in Tennessee’s Republican gubernatorial primary, celebrating the success of a longtime champion for school choice and a proven advocate for empowering parents with more educational opportunities for their children.

AFC Victory Fund endorsed Senator Blackburn ahead of the primary, citing her longstanding record of advancing school choice. Throughout her career, Blackburn has consistently supported policies that expand educational opportunity, including the federal Education Freedom Tax Credit, and has been a steadfast advocate throughout the campaign for giving families

greater authority over their children’s education.

Tennessee has emerged as one of the nation’s leading states for education freedom under Governor Bill Lee, establishing the Education Freedom Scholarship Program in 2025 and expanding it in 2026 in response to strong demand from families. AFC Victory Fund is confident Senator Blackburn will build upon that momentum as governor.

Statement from Tommy Schultz, CEO, AFC Victory Fund:

"Congratulations to Senator Marsha Blackburn on her decisive victory in Tennessee's Republican gubernatorial primary.

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A Memphis Safe Task Force Report: 2nd suspect in homicide captured

MEMPHIS, August 08, 2026 — The Memphis Safe Task Force on Friday executed 29 arrests, including the second suspect in a July 21 homicide.

Joseph Harris, 37, wanted on a Shelby County homicide warrant, was arrested without incident in the 6500 block of Lurewood Lane in Oklahoma City after MSTF investigators learned he was in that area and sent a lead to the U.S. Marshals Western Oklahoma Fugitive Task Force. Harris and Ashundra Lee were suspects who shot and killed a motorcyclist near the intersection of Wilson Street and Gill Avenue July 21. Lee was arrested Thursday in Oklahoma City.

Also arrested Friday: **Amarion Threlkeld, 18**, wanted for criminal attempt second-degree murder, was taken into custody at Poplar Avenue and North Danny Thomas Boulevard after

MSTF spoke with Threlkeld and family members to coordinate a time and place for him to turn himself in. Additional charges include five counts of criminal attempt employment of a firearm during the commission of a dangerous felony and reckless endangerment with a deadly weapon.

Christopher Warf, 52, wanted for rape of a child, was arrested during a traffic stop in the 7000 block of Rick’s Road in Arlington by MSTF members via a collateral lead sent from U.S. Marshals in Nashville.

Alvin Lloyd, 29, was arrested in the 4900 block of Riverview Road NW, in Sandy Springs, Georgia, for theft of property \$60,000-\$250,000 and armed robbery. MSTF assisted in the arrest of Lloyd and four others who robbed the Cummins distribution facility in Memphis. Since the launch of the Memphis

Safe Task Force initiative, officers have made 11,629 arrests, including 118 for homicide, 1,282 for controlled substances, 1,180 for firearms violations, and 116 for sex offenses. Of those arrested, 344 were juveniles and 1,258 were known gang members. The task force has seized 2,002 illegal firearms. These enforcement actions reflect a sustained commitment to reducing violent crime and removing dangerous weapons from Memphis neighborhoods.

The Memphis Safe Task Force is a multi-agency initiative established via a Presidential Memorandum signed by President Donald Trump on Sept. 15, 2025. Aimed at addressing violent street crime, the task force coordinates federal, state, and local law enforcement and includes mobilized members of the Tennessee National Guard. The MSTF is focused on arresting violent

criminals, clearing warrants, seizing firearms, and locating missing children. Since the operation began, the MSTF has located 185 missing children.

This operation reflects the MSTF’s commitment to coordinated enforcement efforts and its mission to identify, apprehend, and hold accountable those who pose a threat to public safety. For more information about the U.S. Marshals please visit www.usmarshals.gov.

MSTF Report from August 7

MEMPHIS, August 7, 2026 — The Memphis Safe Task Force has seized more than 2,000 illicit firearms since the operation began in September 2025.

Since the launch of the Memphis Safe Task Force initiative, officers have made 11,592 arrests, including 117 for homicide, 1,282 for controlled substances,

1,180 for firearms violations, and 116 for sex offenses. Of those arrested, 344 were juveniles and 1,250 were known gang members. The task force has seized 2,002 illegal firearms. These enforcement actions reflect a sustained commitment to reducing violent crime and removing dangerous weapons from Memphis neighborhoods.

“Removing more than 2,000 illicit firearms from city streets is a remarkable achievement by the Memphis Safe Task Force, and I commend every man and woman on the task force for their unwavering commitment to making Memphis safe by disrupting the violent crime that has plagued our great city for too long,” said Tyreece Miller, U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Tennessee. “Every illegal gun this team recovers represents a potential act of violence averted.”

MSTF on Thursday arrested 40

people, including two homicide suspects, and seized two firearms.

Tomarrion Smith, 19, a suspect in a fatal shooting on Faxon Avenue in Highland Heights/Binghampton on Tuesday, was arrested and charged with first-degree murder after a traffic stop in the Knight Arnold Road and South Mendenhall Road.

Ashundra Lee, 39, wanted on a Shelby County homicide warrant issued July 21, was arrested without incident in Oklahoma City after MSTF investigators learned she was in that area and sent a lead to the U.S. Marshals Western Oklahoma Fugitive Task Force. Lee is one of two suspects who shot and killed a motorcyclist near the intersection of Wilson Street and Gill Avenue July 21. The other suspect, **Joseph Harris**, is still at large.

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