

## HR 8552

PLAYS in Youth Sports Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Sports and Recreation

**Introduced:** Jul 28, 2022

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. (Jul 28, 2022)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Jul 28, 2022
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Sep 15, 2022
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Sep 29, 2022
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Sep 29, 2022
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Nov 15, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 28, 2022
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 28, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Sports and Recreation

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Physical activity, Living healthy, Access, Youth development, and Safety in Youth Sports Act or the PLAYS in Youth Sports Act**

This bill directs the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to establish a program to award grants to eligible national nonprofit organizations to improve the health and positive youth development impacts of youth sports participation and to increase access to youth sports for all children and youth, especially underserved populations.

The activities supported include

- training and certification programs for coaches;
- training for youth development and character development;
- instructing positive parental involvement;
- developing and implementing coach and volunteer retention efforts;
- fostering a positive sport experience for all involved that emphasizes athlete development over winning at all costs; and
- activities to enhance effects beyond the playing field, such as with respect to nutrition practices, academic performance, encouragement of life-long practices, and promotion of positive self-image.

The bill sets forth provisions regarding background checks of coaches, mentors, and other adults with access to youth sports participants.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) may establish a program to award grants to municipalities, counties, and states to fund efforts to establish and implement model standards, such as through surveys, studies, pilot programs, and guidelines, for out-of-school youth sports coaches.

The Government Accountability Office and HHS must report to Congress regarding youth sports.

The bill authorizes the CDC and the National Institutes of Health to undertake, support, enhance, and expand research and prevention efforts to advance youth sports safety.

### **Actions Timeline**

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