

# Football (Gender Inequality) Bill

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**B**E IT ENACTED by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

## 1 Proposals to address gender inequality in football

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within six months of the passing of this Act, lay before both Houses of Parliament a report containing proposals for measures to address gender inequality in English football.
- (2) The report laid under subsection (1) must include proposed measures to address inequalities in—
  - (a) the funding of men's and women's football in England,
  - (b) the training facilities available to men's and women's football teams in England,
  - (c) the payment of players in men's and women's football teams in England, 10
  - (d) the prize money available to men's and women's football teams in England, and
  - (e) any other matters affecting the recognition given to men's and women's football players or teams in England. 15
- (3) The Secretary of State must consult the following before any proposals are published—
  - (a) football clubs operating in England,
  - (b) football fans of English teams,
  - (c) any independent regulator of football operating in England, and 20
  - (d) such other persons as the Secretary of State considers relevant to their proposed measures.
- (4) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to take into account the views expressed by those consulted in accordance with subsection (3).
- (5) Any submissions made by the consultees under subsection (3) must be published alongside the report laid under subsection (1). 25

**2 Extent, commencement and short title**

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Football (Gender Inequality) Act 2024.



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