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BOSTON, Mass. (WWLP) – Last week, a federal judge shot down President Joe Biden’s Title IX expansion aimed at protecting LGBTQ+ students, but this week Massachusetts officials vowed that protections for these students will remain in place within the state.

Biden had attempted to expand Title IX—the 1972 law that protects students from sex-based discrimination—to include gender identity

judge says the attempt overstepped presidential authority.

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Concern over transgender rights stems from President-elect Donald Trump's promise to end Biden-era rules on his first day in office and anti-transgender remarks made while on the campaign trail.

The Massachusetts Education Secretary Patrick Tutwiler said that the state will continue to provide legal protection for transgender students.

"It's important to convey that under the state constitution, Massachusetts schools can continue to afford enhanced protections based on gender identity and other characteristics reflective of our core values," Tutwiler said.

This comes just after the US House of Representatives passed a Trump-backed bill on Tuesday that effectively bans transgender women and girls from competing in school sports by withholding funding from non-compliant institutions.

This anti-transgender bill is now headed to the Senate, where it could be on the path to become federal law.

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