
HOUSE BILL No. 1139

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-26-14.

Synopsis: Participation in school athletics. Requires a student who attends a nonpublic high school that is not a member of an interscholastic athletic association but who participates in high school athletics at a public high school that is a member of an athletic association to: (1) follow applicable code of conduct rules; (2) fulfill certain academic requirements; (3) undergo annual department of education approved academic assessments; and (4) comply with any transfer rules of the association.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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January 9, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-26-14-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2012]: **Sec. 8. (a) A high school student who attends any**
4 **nonpublic school whether accredited or nonaccredited that is not**
5 **a member of an association may participate in high school athletics**
6 **at a public high school that is a member of an association if the**
7 **public high school is located within the legal settlement of the**
8 **student and the criteria set forth in subsection (b) are met.**
9 **(b) For a high school student described in subsection (a) to be**
10 **eligible to participate in high school athletics at a public high**
11 **school that is located within the legal settlement of the student and**
12 **is a member of an association, the following conditions must be**
13 **met:**
14 **(1) If the student attends an accredited nonpublic school, the**
15 **student must:**
16 **(A) fulfill the same academic requirements established for**
17 **students of the public high school by the school corporation**



1 where the student has legal settlement; and

2 (B) meet all standards and requirements applicable to a
3 student participating in the interscholastic athletic activity,
4 including but not limited to tryouts, practice time, codes of
5 conduct and student discipline, physical exams, proof of
6 age, permission forms, waivers, required paperwork, fees,
7 transportation arrangements, and any transfer rules of the
8 association, but excluding any requirements that the
9 student be enrolled in or attend the public school.

10 (2) If the student attends a nonaccredited nonpublic school,
11 the student must meet the conditions under subdivision (1) or:

12 (A) must have attended a nonaccredited nonpublic school
13 for the entire previous three (3) school years;

14 (B) must:

15 (i) take a nationally recognized test, as approved by the
16 department, that assesses basic skills and achievement
17 for each year of high school and achieve at least the
18 minimum standard score commensurate with the
19 student's grade level; and

20 (ii) provide to the public high school principal written
21 verification from the nonpublic school that the student is
22 eligible to participate in the interscholastic athletic
23 activity based on appropriate grade level achievement,
24 commensurate with the school grading periods of the
25 public high school; and

26 (C) meet all standards and requirements applicable to a
27 student participating in the interscholastic athletic activity,
28 including but not limited to tryouts, practice time, codes of
29 conduct and student discipline, physical exams, proof of
30 age, permission forms, waivers, required paperwork, fees,
31 transportation arrangements, and any transfer rules of the
32 association, but excluding any requirements that the
33 student be enrolled in or attend the public school.

34 SECTION 2. IC 20-26-14-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
35 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
36 1, 2012]: **Sec. 9. A nonaccredited nonpublic school student who
37 provides false information, documentation, or verification of the
38 student's qualifications for the purpose of meeting eligibility
39 requirements to participate in interscholastic athletic activities is
40 ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletic activities in
41 accordance with policies of the association and may be subject to
42 penalties as provided by the association.**

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1 SECTION 3. IC 20-26-14-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: **Sec. 10. If the association finds that a**
4 **public or accredited nonpublic school has knowledge of any false**
5 **representation, documentation, or verification of a nonaccredited**
6 **nonpublic school student's qualifications that was made for the**
7 **purpose of meeting eligibility requirements to participate in**
8 **interscholastic athletic activities, and the school does not declare**
9 **the student ineligible for participation, the school is subject to**
10 **penalties established by the association.**

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