- 1 HB248
- 2 209110-5
- 3 By Representative Rich
- 4 RFD: Education Policy
- 5 First Read: 02-FEB-21

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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
6	AN ACT
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8	Relating to education; to provide for the broadcast
9	of public K-12 school sporting events.
10	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
11	Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the
12	following terms have the following meanings:
13	(1) BROADCAST. To transmit or exhibit video or audio
14	in any medium or manner accessible by televisions, radios,
15	computers, or other Internet enabled devices.
16	(2) COVER. To observe for reporting purposes and
17	conduct broadcasts of the event being reported.
18	(3) MEDIA ORGANIZATION. A newspaper, news wire,
19	radio station, television station, television network,
20	website, or other organization that publishes or broadcasts,
21	at regular intervals, print, digital, or audio media.
22	(b) No individual, firm, corporation, association,
23	or educational institution shall interfere with or restrict in
24	any manner the ability of media organizations to cover, in any
25	form or format, sporting events involving public K-12 schools,
26	and public K-12 schools shall allow media organizations and
27	their personnel reasonable access to those events.

Τ	(b) No individual, firm, corporation, or association
2	shall interfere with or restrict in any manner the ability of
3	media organizations to cover or broadcast, in any form or
4	format, regular season sporting events involving schools,
5	grades K through 12. Each school, grades K through 12, shall
6	have the sole authority to determine what media organization
7	or media organizations are permitted to cover or broadcast a
8	regular season sporting event and to contract for the
9	broadcast of regular season sporting events involving that
10	school.
11	Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
12	first day of the third month following its passage and
13	approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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3	House of Representatives
4 5 6 7 8	Read for the first time and referred to the House of Representatives committee on Education Policy
9 10 11	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar 1 amendment 11-MAR-21
12 13 14	Read for the third time and passed as amended 01-APR-21 Yeas 98, Nays 0, Abstains 0
15 16 17 18	Jeff Woodard Clerk