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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would require K-12 public schools to evaluate the eligibility of each student intending to participate in a sport at least 21 days prior to the first event for that sport.

This bill would also provide an athletic association's determination as to a student's eligibility to participate in a sport is final for the entire school year.

This bill would also prohibit public K-12 schools from membership in athletic associations under certain circumstances.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to K-12 school athletics, to require a K-12 public school to determine a student's eligibility to participate in a sport at least 21 days prior to the first event for that sport; to provide that an athletic association's eligibility determination is final; and to prohibit public K-12 schools from membership in athletic associations under certain circumstances.



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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

30 Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section the term
31 "athletic association" means any athletic organization
32 operating in the state with authority over its member
33 institution's athletic programs, which receives public funds
34 in any form, and whose member institutions make use of public
35 facilities.

36 (b) A K-12 public school shall make a determination
37 regarding the eligibility of each student who intends to
38 participate in an interscholastic sport according to the
39 eligibility rules of the athletic association to which the
40 school is a member. A school may seek clarification and input
41 on any determination of a student's eligibility to participate
42 in a sport from the athletic association, and the association
43 shall make a determination which shall be final for the
44 remainder of the school year in which the determination was
45 made. Both the school's and athletic association's
46 determination as to a student's eligibility to participate in
47 a sport shall be made at least 21 days prior to the first
48 scheduled event for the sport which is subject to the
49 eligibility policies of the athletic association.

50 (c) No public K-12 school may be a member of an
51 athletic association that does not make an eligibility
52 determination at least 21 days prior to the first scheduled
53 event for the sport which the student seeks to participate in
54 and to which the association's eligibility rules apply.

55 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first
56 day of the third month following its passage and approval by



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57 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.