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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would prohibit certain entities from restricting a student's or coach's eligibility to participate on a school athletic team due to his or her participation on a team or in an event outside of the school athletic team.

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 prohibit certain entities from restricting a student athlete's or coach's eligibility due to his or her participation on a team or in an event outside of the school team; and to prohibit public K-12 schools from membership in athletic associations under certain circumstances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section the term "athletic association" means any athletic organization operating in the state with authority over its member



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29 institution's athletic programs, which receives public funds
30 in any form, and whose member institutions make use of public
31 facilities.

32 (b) No athletic association, K-12 public school, or
33 local board of education may restrict the eligibility of a
34 student or coach to participate on a K-12 public school
35 athletic team or otherwise impose a penalty due to the student
36 or coach participating on an athletic team sponsored by the
37 United States of America, a club team, or other non-school
38 team or participating in a showcase athletic event or other
39 athletic activity outside of or in addition to the school
40 athletic team.

41 (c) No public K-12 school may be a member of an
42 athletic association that violates subsection (b).

43 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first
44 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
45 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.