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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would prohibit public K-12 schools from taking certain actions in regard to a dependent child of an active duty military parent.

This bill would also prohibit public K-12 schools from membership in an athletic association that takes these same actions.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public K-12 schools; to prohibit public K-12 schools from taking certain actions regarding dependent children of active duty military parents; and to prohibit public K-12 schools from membership in athletic associations that take these same actions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the term "athletic association" means any athletic organization operating in this state that has authority over its member institutions' athletic programs, that receives public funds in any form, and whose member institutions make use of public facilities.



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29 (b) (1) No public K-12 school may deny, nor be a member
30 of an athletic association that denies, a dependent child of a
31 full-time active duty military parent immediate eligibility to
32 participate in an interscholastic athletic contest on the
33 basis of the child enrolling in a new school due to the child
34 and his or her parent making a bona fide move pursuant to
35 permanent change of station orders received by the parent,
36 regardless of the date upon which the child enrolls in the new
37 school or the school attendance zone in which the new school
38 is located.

39 (2) A public K-12 school and an athletic association
40 may require a parent to provide his or her permanent change of
41 station orders to substantiate a bona fide move that
42 necessitates a child's enrollment in a new school.

43 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
44 1, 2024.