

HB298 ENGROSSED



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3 By Representatives Colvin, Kiel, Robbins, Fidler, Woods, Ross
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5 RFD: Education Policy
6 First Read: 18-Feb-25



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A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to public high schools; to require athletic associations to adjust schools' athletic classification under certain circumstances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section, the term "athletic association" has the same meaning as provided in Section 16-1-52.1, Code of Alabama 1975.

(b) Solely for purposes of classifying public high schools for competition in athletic association championship programs or other interscholastic athletic events, an athletic association of which a public high school is a member shall adjust the school's athletic classification to reflect the number of English language learner students who do not participate in any interscholastic athletic events.

(c) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement this section.

(d) An athletic association shall include, as non-voting members of the association's governing body, one member of the House of Representatives from the minority party appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and



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29 one member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro
30 Tempore of the Senate.

31 (e) This section shall apply beginning with the
32 classifications in effect for the 2026-2027 academic school
33 year.

34 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
35 2025.



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House of Representatives

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40 to the House of Representatives
41 committee on Education Policy
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44 on the calendar:
45 0 amendments
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48 as amended
49 Yeas 72
50 Nays 1
51 Abstains 29
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John Treadwell
Clerk

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