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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would require certain entities that determine eligibility for athletes participating in high school sports and derive funding from school sporting events to be subject to a one-time audit.

This bill would require the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts to audit any entity subject to this act.

This bill would require the entity subject to the audit to report the audit findings and measures to address any adverse findings to a temporary legislative committee.

This bill would establish a temporary legislative committee to hear the findings of the audit as reported by the entity subject to the audit.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to school sports; to require a one-time audit of certain high school athletic associations by the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts; to establish a temporary legislative committee to hear the findings of the audit as



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29 reported by the association subject to the audit; and to
30 provide for the repeal of this act.

31 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

32 Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section, "entity"
33 means any entity that makes a determination about the
34 eligibility of high school athletes to participate in athletic
35 events and derives funding by hosting high school athletic
36 events on school property.

37 (b) Not later than July 1, 2025, the Department of
38 Examiners of Public Accounts shall conduct an audit of the
39 books and accounts of any entity described in subsection (a).
40 The department shall audit, review, and otherwise investigate
41 the receipts and disbursement of funds of the entity in the
42 same manner as audits are performed on agencies and
43 departments of the state.

44 (c) Not more than 30 days after receipt of the audit,
45 the entity subject to the audit shall prepare a report of the
46 audit findings along with any measures the entity has taken or
47 intends to take, along with a timeline for completing such
48 measures, to address any shortcomings or issues revealed
49 pursuant to the audit. The entity shall submit the report to
50 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President
51 Pro Tempore of the Senate.

52 (d) After receiving the audit report described in
53 subsection (c), the Speaker of the House of Representatives
54 and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint a
55 committee comprised of five members of the House of
56 Representatives, two of which are members of the minority



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57 party, and five members of the Senate, two of which are
58 members of the minority party, and jointly call a meeting of
59 the committee.

60 (e) The committee shall hold the meeting, at which time
61 the entity subject to the audit shall appear before the
62 committee and present its findings.

63 (f) Upon completion of the meeting, the committee shall
64 be dissolved.

65 (g) This section is repealed on January 1, 2026.

66 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
67 2024.