

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 331

By: Senators J. Hendren, *Bledsoe*

By: Representatives J. Mayberry, Davis, Harris, G. Hodges, Lundstrum, Petty, Womack

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW FREEDOM OF PARTICIPATION IN
INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS IN ARKANSAS; TO DECLARE AN
EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW FREEDOM OF PARTICIPATION IN
INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS IN ARKANSAS; AND
TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY.

(a) The Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) shall allow an AAA member school to play a home school team if the home school team complies with this act.

(b) A home school team shall comply with the AAA rules for student athletes, including rules concerning:

(1) Age;

(2) School semesters;

(3) Scholarships;

(4) Physical exams;

(5) Foreign student eligibility; and

(6) Amateurs.

(c) A coach of a home school team shall comply with AAA rules concerning the certification of home school coaches.

(d)(1) This act does not allow a home school team to participate in an



AAA sanctioned:

- (A) Conference;
- (B) Conference tournament;
- (C) District tournament;
- (D) Regional tournament; or
- (E) State tournament or event.

(2) This act does not allow eligibility for a recognition award of championship.

(e) A home school team may participate in the following team sports:

- (1) Basketball;
- (2) Baseball;
- (3) Softball;
- (4) Soccer; and
- (5) Volleyball.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that athletics plays a critical role in the life of students; that allowing home school teams to compete against public school teams in certain sports is important; and that this act is immediately necessary to allow scheduling for the 2015-2016 academic year to proceed. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

/s/J. Hendren