

House Bill 1213

By: Representatives Mosley of the 129th, Post 1, Smith of the 129th, Post 2, Sims of the 130th, Roberts of the 131st, Oliver of the 121st, Post 2, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act,"
3 so as to require an athletic association to permit a high school to change its region or its
4 classification if such school is required to travel more than 100 miles for an athletic
5 competition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended
10 by inserting after Code Section 20-2-316 a new Code Section 20-2-316.1 to read as follows:

11 "20-2-316.1.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'athletic association' means any association of
13 schools or any other similar organization which acts as an organizing, sanctioning,
14 scheduling, or rule-making body for interscholastic athletic events in which public high
15 schools in this state participate.

16 (b) An athletic association shall provide by rule that after a high school has been assigned
17 to a region and a classification by the athletic association, the high school may request and
18 be granted by the association the option of either changing the region to which it is
19 assigned or changing its classification. A high school may change its classification by
20 choosing the appropriate classification based on student enrollment numbers or by moving
21 to a higher classification. A change in region or classification as provided in this
22 subsection may only be requested if the schedule for the high school requires a team to
23 travel outside a 100 mile radius for an athletic competition."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.