

House Bill 1241 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Martin of the 47th, Roberts of the 154th, Watson of the 91st, Fleming of the 117th, Coleman of the 97th, 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 certain programs and activities under the "Quality Basic Education
3 Act," so as to provide that no high school which receives funding under the "Quality Basic
4 Education Act" shall participate in or sponsor interscholastic sports events conducted by any
5 athletic association unless the athletic association provides for certain eligibility conditions
6 for student athletes; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal
7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
11 relating to certain programs and activities under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is
12 amended by adding a new Code Section 20-2-316.1 to read as follows:

13 "20-2-316.1.

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

18 (b) No high school which receives funding under this article shall participate in, sponsor,
19 or provide coaching staff for interscholastic sports events which are conducted under the
20 authority of, conducted under the rules of, or scheduled by any athletic association unless
21 the charter, bylaws, or other governing documents of such athletic association provide that
22 a student shall not lose eligibility to participate as a team member on an interscholastic
23 sports team solely because such student participates during the school year at any time
24 outside of regular season, including playoffs, in a national competitive event, such as an
25 all-star or showcase event, that is not sanctioned by such athletic association."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.