

House Bill 16

By: Representative Prince of the 127<sup>th</sup>

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 Article 6 of Chapter  
4 2 of Title 20, the "Quality Basic Education Act," shall participate in or sponsor  
5 interscholastic sports events conducted by any athletic association unless the association  
6 allows students enrolled in magnet schools to tryout for and participate on athletic teams of  
7 their resident school under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
8 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 SECTION 1.

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

14 "20-2-316.3.

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

19 (b) No high school which receives funding under this article shall participate in, sponsor,  
20 or provide coaching staff for interscholastic sports events which are conducted under the  
21 authority of, conducted under the rules of, or scheduled by any athletic association unless  
22 such athletic association does not prohibit students enrolled in magnet schools in the school  
23 system from trying out for an athletic team and participating on an athletic team in  
24 interscholastic athletic events and competitions, including playoff competitions, as a  
25 member of such athletic team of the public high school in which the student would be

26 enrolled based on his or her residence if the magnet school does not offer such athletic  
27 team.  
28 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this Code section, students enrolled in a magnet  
29 school in the school system who tryout for or participate on an athletic team at their  
30 resident public high school shall be subject to the same standards and comply with the  
31 same requirements as apply to students enrolled in such public high school to tryout for or  
32 participate on an athletic team."

33 **SECTION 2.**

34 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.