

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HB 16:

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 try out for and participate on athletic teams of  
7 their resident school under certain conditions; to provide that it is in the discretion of a local  
8 school system as to whether or not students in magnet schools can try out for or participate  
9 on athletic teams; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
10 purposes.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

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

16 "20-2-316.3.

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

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

27 of the public high school in which the student would be enrolled based on his or her  
28 residence if the magnet school does not offer such athletic team.

29 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this Code section, students enrolled in a magnet  
30 school in the school system who try out for an athletic team or participate in interscholastic  
31 athletic events and competitions as a member of an athletic team at their resident public  
32 high school shall be subject to the same standards and comply with the same requirements  
33 applicable to students enrolled in such public high school to try out for an athletic team or  
34 participate in interscholastic athletic events and competitions as a member of an athletic  
35 team.

36 (d) It shall be at the discretion of each local school system as to whether or not students  
37 in magnet schools are permitted to try out for an athletic team or participate in  
38 interscholastic athletic events and competitions as a member of an athletic team of the  
39 public high school in which the student would be enrolled based on his or her residence.

40 (e) A student in a magnet school shall not be authorized to participate as a member of an  
41 athletic team of the public high school in which the student would be enrolled based on his  
42 or her residence and as a member of an athletic team of the magnet school in the same  
43 school year."

44 **SECTION 2.**

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