

Senate Bill 456

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

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 provide that no high school which receives funding under Article 6 of Chapter 2 of  
4 Title 20, the "Quality Basic Education Act," shall participate in or sponsor interscholastic  
5 sports events conducted by any athletic association unless the association has separate  
6 regions and playoffs for certain private schools and certain public schools; to provide for  
7 related matters; to repeal 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 other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended  
12 by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

13 "20-2-316.4.

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 athletic association has separate regions and playoffs for private schools and public  
22 schools in the classification for schools with an enrollment of 640 students or less as  
23 determined by the full-time equivalent count."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.