

Senate Bill 343

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Unterman of the 45th, Bethel of the 54th, Miller of the 49th, Hill of the 4th 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 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 meets certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
7 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 to read as follows:

13 "20-2-316.2.

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:

22 (1) Requires that the members of its executive committee, board of trustees, or any  
23 associated boards are employed by a local school system or private school for a minimum  
24 of 100 school days per year;

25 (2) Limits the terms of members of its executive committee, board of trustees, or any  
26 associated boards to a total of four years;

27 (3) Provides that every school is allowed one vote to elect the executive director;

- 28 (4) Annually publishes and provides to each member school a detailed financial report  
29 of its revenues and expenditures; and  
30 (5) Has separate regions and playoffs for private schools and public schools in the  
31 classification for schools with an enrollment of 640 students or less as determined by the  
32 full-time equivalent count."

33 **SECTION 2.**

34 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.