

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth offered the following substitute to SB 328:

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 that receives QBE funds shall participate in, sponsor, or
4 provide coaching staff for interscholastic sports events which are conducted under the
5 authority of, conducted under the rules of, or scheduled by any athletic association unless
6 such athletic association provides for an executive oversight committee and for certain travel
7 reimbursement; to provide for the membership of such executive oversight committees; to
8 provide for noncompliant high schools to forfeit QBE funding; to provide for related matters;
9 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
13 relating to other educational programs under the Quality Basic Education Act, is amended
14 in Code Section 20-2-316, relating to involvement of athletic associations in high school
15 athletics, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

“(c)(1) No high school which receives funding under this article shall participate in, sponsor, or provide coaching staff for interscholastic sports events which are conducted under the authority of, conducted under the rules of, or scheduled by any athletic association unless the athletic association complies with this subsection by:

(A) Having a charter, bylaws, and other governing documents which provide for governance and operational oversight by an executive oversight committee comprising ten members as follows:

(i) One member appointed by the Governor;

(ii) One member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

(iii) One member appointed by Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(iv) Two members appointed by the Georgia School Superintendents Association, with one such member representing approximately one-half of the athletic association's participating schools with classifications by the athletic association based on lower student enrollment figures and the other such member representing approximately one-half of the athletic association's participating schools with classifications by the athletic association based on higher student enrollment figures;

(v) One member appointed by the Georgia School Boards Association;

(vi) One member appointed by state-wide association of high school athletic coaches with a current membership of not less than 300 Georgia residents and which is recognized by a majority of the executive oversight committee;

(vii) One member appointed by a state-wide association of high school athletic officials, referees, and umpires with a current membership of not less than 300 Georgia residents and which is recognized by a majority of the executive oversight committee; and

(viii) Two members appointed by the governing body of the athletic association, with one such member representing approximately one-half of the athletic association's participating schools with classifications by the athletic association based on lower

student enrollment figures and the other such member representing approximately one-half of the athletic association's participating schools with classifications by the athletic association based on higher student enrollment figures; and

(B) Providing reimbursement for actual travel expenses incurred by a participating school for participating in an interscholastic sports event conducted under the authority of, conducted under the rules of, or scheduled by the athletic association which requires such school to travel more than 75 miles from the location of such school during the regular season.

(2) Any high school that participates in, sponsors, or provides coaching staff for interscholastic sports events which are conducted under the authority of, conducted under the rules of, or scheduled by any athletic association that does not comply with this Code section shall forfeit its allotted funding under this article."

SECTION 2.

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