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SENATE BILL DRS45030-NH-21

Short Title: Access to Sports and Extracurriculars for All. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hise, Ford, and Galey (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PERMIT STUDENTS WHO ATTEND A PUBLIC SCHOOL, PRIVATE
3 SCHOOL, OR HOME SCHOOL WITHOUT AN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS
4 PROGRAM IN A GIVEN SPORT OR PARTICULAR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY
5 TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT ACTIVITY AT A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-407.55(1)b. reads as rewritten:

8 "b. Enrollment and transfer requirements, including the following:

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10 3. If a public high school does not offer a particular sport, a
11 student from that school may participate in the sport at the
12 public high school closest to the student's school that has a
13 program in that sport, subject to the terms and conditions
14 applicable to a regularly enrolled member of that high school's
15 student body, except that the high school may charge a
16 reasonable fee for participation to a student who is not enrolled
17 in the high school as established by the local board of education
18 in accordance with G.S. 115C-47(6).

19 4. A private school or home school student may participate in a
20 sport at the base public high school for the student's address,
21 subject to the terms and conditions applicable to a regularly
22 enrolled member of that high school's student body. If the
23 student's base public high school does not have a program in a
24 particular sport, the student may participate in the sport at the
25 public high school closest to the student's base public high
26 school that has a program in that sport, subject to the terms and
27 conditions applicable to a regularly enrolled member of that
28 high school's student body. The public high school may charge
29 a reasonable fee for participation to a student who is not
30 enrolled in the high school as established by the local board of
31 education in accordance with G.S. 115C-47(6)."

32 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-47(6) reads as rewritten:

33 "(6) To Regulate Fees, Charges and Solicitations. – Local boards of education shall
34 adopt rules and regulations governing solicitations of, sales to, and
35 fund-raising activities conducted by, the students and faculty members in
36 schools under their jurisdiction, and no fees, charges, or costs shall be



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1 collected from students and school personnel without approval of the board of
2 education as recorded in the minutes of said board; provided, this subdivision
3 shall not apply to such textbooks fees as are determined and established by the
4 State Board of Education. The local board of education shall publish a
5 schedule of fees, charges, and solicitations approved by the local ~~board~~ board,
6 including fees established to allow students not enrolled in a particular public
7 high school to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities, on the
8 local school administrative unit's Web site by October 15 of each school year
9 and, if the schedule is subsequently revised, within 30 days following the
10 revision."

11 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
12 the 2025-2026 school year.