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SENATE BILL 48

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

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

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

February 5, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PERMIT STUDENTS WHO ATTEND A PUBLIC SCHOOL, PRIVATE SCHOOL, OR HOME SCHOOL WITHOUT AN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS PROGRAM IN A GIVEN SPORT OR PARTICULAR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT ACTIVITY AT A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

...

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

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

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



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.