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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.