

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 457

BY REPRESENTATIVE TALBOT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SCHOOLS: Provides relative to school membership in associations that prescribe eligibility to participate in athletics

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:176(G), relative to school membership in athletic associations; to prohibit
3 schools from holding membership in certain interscholastic extracurricular athletic
4 associations or organizations; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:176(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §176. Extracurricular activities; interscholastic athletics; participation; standards;
8 prohibitions; filming or videotaping; definitions

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10 G. A public school or nonpublic school that receives public funds shall not
11 be a member of any interscholastic extracurricular athletic association or
12 organization that has a rule limiting the eligibility of an incoming high school
13 freshman student to participate in junior varsity or varsity athletics based upon the
14 school the student attended the previous year unless the rule applies only if the
15 student's former school included grades nine through twelve.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to school membership in associations that prescribe eligibility to participate in athletics.

Proposed law prohibits a public or nonpublic school that receives public funds from holding membership in any interscholastic extracurricular athletic association or organization that has a rule limiting the eligibility of an incoming high school freshman student to participate in junior varsity or varsity athletics based upon the school the student attended the previous year unless the rule applies only if the student's former school included grades nine through 12.

(Adds R.S. 17:176(G))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Add an exception to the proposed law prohibition if the association's rule that limits an incoming freshman's eligibility based on his previous school only applies if the student's previous school had grades nine through 12.