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## DIGEST

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HB No. 267

**Abstract:** Prohibits public high schools from participating in interscholastic athletic activities directed or regulated by any organization or association that discriminates among schools based on school admissions criteria in classifying schools into divisions for competition in any sport during the regular season or playoffs.

Present law provides generally with respect to participation in interscholastic athletics, including academic and other eligibility standards. Proposed law prohibits public high schools from participating in interscholastic athletic activities directed or regulated by an organization or association that discriminates among schools based on school admissions criteria in classifying schools into divisions for competition in any sport during the regular season or playoffs.

Present law provides relative to:

- (1) Eligibility of certain students to participate in interscholastic athletic activities with respect to attendance at certain nonpublic schools located outside certain attendance zones and with respect to home study students. (R.S. 17:176(F) and 236.3)
- (2) Definitions of certain words as used in the rules, regulations, or bylaws of the La. High School Athletic Association. (R.S. 17:176(G))

Present case law (*Louisiana High School Athletics Association, Inc. v. State of Louisiana*, 2012-1471 (La. 1/29/13)) holds these provisions to violate present constitution (Const. Art. III, §12(A)(7)), which prohibits granting a private person or entity a special or exclusive right, privilege, or immunity. Proposed law repeals present law.

(Adds R.S. 17:176(J); Repeals R.S. 17:176(F) and (G) and 236.3)