
By: Senator Ruben

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Superintendent of Schools - Student Eligibility for Athletics**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that the State Superintendent of Schools to adopt
4 regulations to govern the athletic programs of certain public secondary schools;
5 providing that the State Superintendent shall establish eligibility criteria for student
6 athletes; providing that a student may not be ineligible for interscholastic
7 competition due to administrative oversight by a coach or school; and generally
8 relating to athletic programs in public secondary schools.

9 BY renumbering

10 Article - Education
11 Section 2-303(j)
12 to be 2-303(k)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

15 BY adding to

16 Article - Education
17 Section 2-303(j)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 2-303(j) of Article - Education of the Annotated Code of
22 Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 2-303(k).

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
24 read as follows:

25 **Article - Education**

26 2-303.

27 (J) (1) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO
28 GOVERN THE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS IN MARYLAND PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS
29 THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC
30 ASSOCIATION.

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1 (2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
2 REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL INCLUDE
3 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION BY STUDENTS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC
4 ATHLETICS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL.

5 (3) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA MAY NOT DEPRIVE A STUDENT OF THE
6 RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS BASED ON AN
7 ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT BY THE STUDENT'S SCHOOL OR COACH.

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 1996.