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Support HB817

State Department of Education – Interscholastic Athletic Eligibility Waiver – Graduate Students

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In these unprecedented times, our students have had to make an incredible amount of sacrifices. For the seniors in high school, they have had to sacrifice their final years of high school sports. These sports potentially could have translated into scholarships or further notoriety from colleges in order for the student to attend. That being said, HB817 addresses the sacrifices student athletes have had to make during the pandemic, and allows for current seniors to play one more season at their respective schools. Current seniors would have the opportunity to play the sport they love and some will have a chance to continue open communications with the schools they were intending to play for in college.

This bill would allow for this year's senior class to have one more year of eligibility to play high school sports.

The student participating would have to have maintained their academic eligibility through this current academic year and the student participating must play at the school they attended.

I ask for the committee's favorable support - let's do something great for our seniors.