

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 24

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

SCHOOLS. Prohibits membership in, and participation in competition sponsored by, an intrastate extracurricular athletic association or organization that does not provide equal opportunity to students to participate in sports by age, year of attendance, or gender. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:176(G); relative to school interscholastic extracurricular athletic programs;  
3 to prohibit certain schools from being a member of, or participating in any  
4 competition sponsored by, organizations that do not provide equal opportunity for  
5 students to participate in sports by age, year of attendance, or gender; and to provide  
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

9 §176. Extracurricular activities; interscholastic athletics; participation;  
10 standards; prohibitions; filming or videotaping; definitions

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12 **G. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, no public school or**  
13 **nonpublic school approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary**  
14 **Education that receives funds from the state may be a member of, or participate**  
15 **in any competition sponsored by, any intrastate interscholastic extracurricular**  
16 **athletic association or organization that does not provide an equal opportunity**

1           to every student at the student's earliest level of entry to immediately  
 2           participate in any sport by age, year of attendance, or gender with no delayed  
 3           eligibility requirements imposed due to type, classification, or location of the  
 4           school in which the student is enrolled.

5           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 6           signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 7           by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 8           vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 9           effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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## DIGEST

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Present law regulates public schools and nonpublic schools that receive public funds regarding membership in, and participation in any competition sponsored by, an intrastate interscholastic extracurricular athletic association or organization.

Proposed law retains present law and further prohibits any public school or nonpublic school approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education that receives funds from the state from being a member of, or participating in any competition sponsored by, any intrastate interscholastic extracurricular athletic association or organization that does not provide to every student at the student's earliest level of entry to an equal opportunity to immediately participate in any sport by age, year of attendance, or gender with no delayed eligibility requirements imposed due to type, classification, or location of the school in which the student is enrolled.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

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