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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Substitute for Original House Bill No. 609 by Representative Abramson as proposed by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

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To provide for the lease or use of certain state property in Orleans Parish; to prohibit the lease or use of the Louisiana Superdome for interscholastic athletic activities under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District shall not lease or otherwise allow or permit the use of the Louisiana Superdome by the Louisiana High School Athletic Association during the 2014-2015 school year for interscholastic athletic activities if either of the following occur:

A. A student otherwise academically eligible to participate in an extracurricular interscholastic athletic activity is determined by the Louisiana High School Athletic Association to be ineligible for or otherwise prohibited from participating in such activity at his school if the student will be in the twelfth grade for the 2014-2015 school year and all of the following applies to the student:

(1) Arrived in the United States in 2007 as a refugee from Uganda with little more than the clothes on his back.

(2) Endured years of horrific atrocities at the hands of the rebel forces terrorizing his homeland where family members were brutally murdered.

(3) Escaped with his family, on foot in the dark of night, traveling many miles to the limited safety of various camps where refugees faced deplorable conditions and malnutrition and finally immigrated to the United States and arrived in Baton Rouge.

(4) Placed in public schools in East Baton Rouge Parish in the seventh grade consistent with his chronological age where education assessments later revealed that the student in fact had the equivalent of a first grade education with little to no formal education, did not speak English, and had received little or no math and reading training.

(5) Attended a Catholic elementary school in 2008, where a pre-admission evaluation showed that while the student was very intelligent, he lagged behind his grade level academically, so he was again placed in the seventh grade, which he successfully completed as well as the eighth grade, working tirelessly to catch up with his classmates, all the while exhibiting an amazing attitude and aptitude for learning.

(6) Admitted to high school in the fall of 2010 where another round of pre-admission testing ensued requiring the student to repeat the eighth grade to further strengthen his academic skills.

(7) Worked tirelessly in the classroom and after school to maintain his grades and during that time he was introduced to the sport of football, exhibited promising athletic skills, and began to participate in that school's sports program.

(8) Enter his senior year at high school in the fall of 2014 and also become nineteen years of age on July 7, 2014.

B. Playoff competition for football is subdivided into select admission schools and non-select admission schools. For the purposes of this Subsection, "select admission schools" means a public or non-public school that has an admission policy to select the students who attend the school, and "non-select admission schools" shall mean a public school that has a designated attendance zone or a charter school whose charter mandates that the school have an open admission policy and does not include admission requirements for the selection and retention of its students.

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

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the Louisiana High School Athletic Association from leasing or using the Louisiana Superdome during the 2014-2015 school year for interscholastic athletic activities under certain circumstances.

Proposed law prohibits the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District from leasing or otherwise allowing use of the Louisiana Superdome to the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) during the 2014-2015 school year for interscholastic athletic activities if either occurs:

- A student, otherwise academically eligible, is determined by the LHSAA to be ineligible to participate in an extracurricular interscholastic athletic activity on the basis that the student will be in the 12th grade for the 2014-2015 school year and meets a narrow set of circumstances.
- Playoff competition for football is subdivided into select admission schools and nonselect admission schools.

Proposed law provides for the definition of "select admission schools" and "non-select admission schools".