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ENROLLED, An Act,

Relating to education; to provide for the broadcast of public K-12 school sporting events.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) BROADCAST. To transmit or exhibit video or audio in any medium or manner accessible by televisions, radios, computers, or other Internet enabled devices.

(2) COVER. To observe for reporting purposes and conduct broadcasts of the event being reported.

(3) MEDIA ORGANIZATION. A newspaper, news wire, radio station, television station, television network, website, or other organization that publishes or broadcasts, at regular intervals, print, digital, or audio media.

~~(b) No individual, firm, corporation, association, or educational institution shall interfere with or restrict in any manner the ability of media organizations to cover, in any form or format, sporting events involving public K-12 schools, and public K-12 schools shall allow media organizations and their personnel reasonable access to those events.~~

(b) No individual, firm, corporation, or association shall interfere with or restrict in any manner the ability of media organizations to cover or broadcast, in any form or

1 format, regular season sporting events involving schools,
2 grades K through 12. Each school, grades K through 12, shall
3 have the sole authority to determine what media organization
4 or media organizations are permitted to cover or broadcast a
5 regular season sporting event and to contract for the
6 broadcast of regular season sporting events involving that
7 school.

8 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
9 first day of the third month following its passage and
10 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

