

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 31

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:176(B) and (C), relative to standards for student participation  
3 in interscholastic athletics; to establish minimum academic eligibility requirements  
4 for participation by certain students in interscholastic athletics; to require the State  
5 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt a policy relative to such  
6 eligibility requirements; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related  
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:176(B) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
10 follows:

11 §176. Extracurricular activities; interscholastic athletics; participation; standards;  
12 prohibitions; filming or videotaping; definitions

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14 B. The superintendent of each city, ~~and parish,~~ and other local public school  
15 system shall cause the ~~principals and faculties~~ principal and faculty of each middle,  
16 junior high, and high school to take all actions necessary or appropriate to upgrade  
17 the academic standards of student athletes such that each such athlete, to the extent  
18 possible, accomplishes his maximum potential in academic endeavors while  
19 participating in interscholastic athletics.

20 C. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall adopt a  
21 policy ~~no later than March 31, 1985~~ which as at a minimum shall require that the  
22 ~~1984 Scholastic Rule of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association be adhered~~

1           ~~to by all high schools under its jurisdiction. The Board is further directed to review~~  
2           ~~the policy of the Association on an annual basis and adopt such rules as are~~  
3           ~~necessary to insure that these minimum standards are maintained or upgraded.~~ shall  
4           require that the scholastic rule adopted by the Louisiana High School Athletic  
5           Association in January of 2010 be adhered to by all high schools under its  
6           jurisdiction. The association's scholastic regulations, which include a "C" average  
7           as determined by the local governing authority of the school in which the student is  
8           enrolled, shall serve as the minimum standard upon which each school builds higher  
9           academic standards.

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11           Section 2. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall adopt a  
12           policy as required by R.S. 17:176(C) as amended by this Act effective for the 2011-2012  
13           school year and thereafter.

14           Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
15           signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
16           by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
17           vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
18           effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_