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SENATE BILL 465

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES; PROHIBITING SCHOOLS FROM
RESTRICTING PARTICIPATION IN AN ATHLETIC ACTIVITY BECAUSE THE
STUDENT PARTICIPATED IN THAT ATHLETIC ACTIVITY WHILE ATTENDING
A DIFFERENT SCHOOL; PERMITTING STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN CLUB
OR OUTSIDE SPORTS WITHOUT PENALTY; PERMITTING STUDENTS TO
PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING CAMPS WITHOUT PENALTY;
ALLOWING PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS TO
PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES; ALLOWING EIGHTH GRADE
STUDENTS TO PLAY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS WITHOUT LOSING A SEASON OF
ELIGIBILITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 22, Article 2 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] SCHOOL ACTIVITIES--ELIGIBILITY.--

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1 A. Membership on the board of directors of an
2 association that regulates public school extracurricular and
3 cocurricular activities shall be proportional to the population
4 of the counties represented by the board.

5 B. A high school student shall not be prohibited
6 from participating in an athletic activity because that student
7 participated in that athletic activity while attending a
8 different school.

9 C. A student shall not be prohibited from
10 participating fully in a school-sponsored athletic activity
11 because the student participated in an athletic activity or on
12 an athletic team that was not school-sponsored or -affiliated.

13 D. A student who participates in an athletic
14 training camp shall not be prohibited from participating in a
15 school-sponsored athletic activity.

16 E. A private school may offer a scholarship to a
17 student to participate in an athletic activity.

18 F. A student in the eighth grade is eligible to
19 participate in a high school athletic activity without losing a
20 season of eligibility to participate in that athletic activity
21 in high school.

22 G. As used in this section, "athletic activity"
23 means a middle school, junior high school or high school sport
24 regulated by the New Mexico activities association."
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