

Senate Bill No. 252—Senators Goicoechea, Hammond, Harris,
Gustavson, Hardy; and Settelmeyer

Joint Sponsors: Assemblymen Ellison, Oscarson;
Hansen and Wheeler

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to interscholastic activities; authorizing the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association to allow, by regulation, a pupil who is enrolled in a charter school, private school, parochial school or public school to participate in a sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event at another public school that offers the sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes the formation of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association, consisting of all the school districts in this State, for the purposes of controlling, supervising and regulating all interscholastic athletic events and other interscholastic events in the public schools in this State. (NRS 385B.050) Existing law further requires the rules and regulations adopted by the Association to provide for the membership of charter schools, private schools and parochial schools which may elect to join the Association. (NRS 385B.110) **Section 4** of this bill authorizes the Association to allow, by regulation, a pupil who is enrolled in a charter school, private school, parochial school or public school to participate in a sanctioned sport or any other interscholastic event at another public school which offers the sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event if: (1) the charter school, private school, parochial school or public school in which the pupil is enrolled does not enroll more than 30 pupils collectively in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 during the school year; (2) the pupil resides in the school district or zone of attendance in which the public school that offers the sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event is located; (3) the sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event is not offered at the charter school, private school, parochial school or public school in which the pupil is enrolled; and (4) the board of trustees of the school district in which the public school that offers the sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event approves the participation of the pupil in the sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event at the public school. **Section 4** also authorizes the board of trustees to require the payment of any costs associated with the participation of the pupil in the sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event at the public school. **Section 3** of this bill defines the term “zone of attendance” for the purpose of **section 4** and various other provisions of chapter 385B of NRS governing the Association. **Sections 5 and 6** of this bill make conforming changes.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 2. Chapter 385B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 3 and 4 of this act.

Sec. 3. *“Zone of attendance” means the zone established by the board of trustees of a school district pursuant to NRS 388.040 to designate which school within the district a pupil must attend.*

Sec. 4. 1. *The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association may, by regulation, allow a pupil who is enrolled in a charter school, private school, parochial school or public school to participate in a sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event at a public school that offers the sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event if:*

(a) The charter school, private school, parochial school or public school enrolls not more than 30 pupils collectively in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 during a school year;

(b) The pupil resides in the school district or zone of attendance in which the public school is located or, if the pupil does not reside in that school district or zone of attendance, the pupil may participate in a sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event at a public school which is located nearest to the residence of the pupil or which is specified in regulations adopted by the Association;

(c) The sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event is not offered at the charter school, private school, parochial school or public school in which the pupil is enrolled; and

(d) The board of trustees of the school district in which the public school is located approves the participation of the pupil in the sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event at the public school.

2. If the board of trustees of a school district approves the participation of a pupil in a sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event at a public school located within the school district pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 1, the board of trustees may negotiate, contract for or otherwise require the payment of any costs associated with the participation of the pupil in the sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event pursuant to this section.



3. The provisions of this section do not limit or otherwise affect:

(a) The authority of a board of trustees of a school district relating to any public school or pupil enrolled in a public school in the school district.

(b) The authority of the Association to relating to any school or pupil enrolled in a school.

(c) The ability of a pupil who is enrolled in a charter school to participate in sports at a public school pursuant to NRS 388A.474.

Sec. 5. NRS 385B.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.010 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 385B.020, 385B.030 and 385B.040 *and section 3 of this act* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 6. NRS 385B.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

385B.140 ~~HH~~ A pupil who enrolls in grade 9 at:

~~HH~~ **1.** A public school and who resides within the zone of attendance of the public school at the time of enrollment is immediately eligible to participate and practice in a sanctioned sport at the public school, regardless of whether the pupil:

~~HH~~ **(a)** Resided in a different zone of attendance before the pupil's enrollment in grade 9; or

~~HH~~ **(b)** Attended a school other than a public school before the pupil's enrollment in grade 9.

~~HH~~ **2.** A private school is immediately eligible to participate and practice in a sanctioned sport at the private school, regardless of whether the pupil attended a school other than a private school before the pupil's enrollment in grade 9.

~~{2. As used in this section, "zone of attendance" means the region established by the board of trustees of a school district or governing board of a charter school for the attendance of a pupil enrolled in the school.}~~

Sec. 7. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, and on July 1, 2017, for all other purposes.



