

HB 1206 -- Student Interscholastic Activities

Sponsor: Barnes

This bill allows a student who has been denied eligibility by any person or organization to participate in an interscholastic activity because the student has transferred from one school to another to apply for a restraining order to prohibit enforcement of the denial until the matter is legally resolved. No student, team, or school can be penalized by any organization for allowing a student to participate pursuant to a restraining order. Judicial review must be based on the best interests of the student and not on the impact on any other party. No organization of high schools is allowed to prohibit a third party from paying the student's legal fees or offering free legal services in an appeal. If the matter is settled in favor of the student, the organization or person who attempted to prohibit the student's participation will be responsible for reimbursing the student's reasonable attorney fees.