

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1839

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HOUGHTON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 171, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to student athletes.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 171, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 171.055, to read as follows:

3 **171.055. 1. Any student participating in activities at the Missouri state fair who is**  
4 **a member of an athletic team at a public school and who will miss team practices as a result**  
5 **of participating in activities at the Missouri state fair shall receive the opportunity to**  
6 **participate in practices relevant to his or her athletic activity at the Missouri state fair.**

7 **2. Any student who wishes to participate in practices at the Missouri state fair and**  
8 **who qualifies to receive this opportunity under subsection 1 of this section shall notify his**  
9 **or her public school team coach in writing at least ten days before his or her first day of**  
10 **attendance at the Missouri state fair.**

11 **3. Any public school team coach who receives notification from a student as**  
12 **described under subsection 2 of this section shall send the notification to a statewide**  
13 **athletic organization with a public school district as a member, and the organization shall**  
14 **provide a coach, approved under its bylaws, to oversee practices for the student.**

15 **4. The public school team coach of any student participating in practices at the**  
16 **Missouri state fair shall coordinate with the approved coach at the Missouri state fair with**  
17 **respect to the activities to be performed at the practices.**

18 **5. Practices at the Missouri state fair shall not be more strenuous for students than**  
19 **the team practices that the students could not attend as a result of their participation in**  
20 **fair activities.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19           **6. A statewide athletic organization with a public school district as a member shall**  
20 **fulfill the requirements of this section by recruiting volunteer coaches or by paying coaches**  
21 **for their services.**

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