

Senate Bill 288

By: Senators Bethel of the 54th, Mullis of the 53rd, Tippins of the 37th, Harper of the 7th, Chance of the 16th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to certain programs and activities under the "Quality Basic Education
3 Act," so as to provide that no high school which receives funding under the "Quality Basic
4 Education Act" shall participate in or sponsor interscholastic sports events conducted by any
5 athletic association unless the association releases annual financial reports; to provide for
6 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to certain programs and activities under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is
11 amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "20-2-316.2.

13 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'athletic association' means any association of
14 schools or any other similar organization which acts as an organizing, sanctioning,
15 scheduling, or rule-making body for interscholastic athletic events in which public schools
16 in this state participate.

17 (b) No high school which receives funding under this article shall participate in, sponsor,
18 or provide coaching staff for interscholastic sports events which are conducted under the
19 authority of, conducted under the rules of, or scheduled by any athletic association unless
20 such athletic association annually publishes and provides to its members a financial report
21 of its activities for the preceding calendar year or fiscal year, if different from the calendar
22 year, within 90 days after the end of such calendar year or fiscal year. Such report shall
23 include a complete financial statement setting forth its assets, liabilities, income, and
24 operating expenses for such calendar year or fiscal year."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 Revising and implementing the Georgia High School Athletics Overview Committee as
27 stated previously in Chapter 2, Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Article
28 32.

29 **SECTION 3.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.