

House Bill 319

By: Representatives Martin of the 49th, Watson of the 172nd, Jones of the 47th, Smyre of the 135th, Douglas of the 78th, and others

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 other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act,"
3 so as to provide that no high school which receives funding under Article 6 of Chapter 2 of
4 Title 20, the "Quality Basic Education Act," shall participate in or sponsor interscholastic
5 sports events conducted by any athletic association that prohibits student athletes from
6 participation in a sport at a school to which he or she transferred under certain conditions;
7 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

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

13 "20-2-316.4.

14 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'athletic association' means any association of
15 schools or any other similar organization which acts as an organizing, sanctioning,

16 scheduling, or rule-making body for interscholastic athletic events in which public schools
17 in this state participate.

18 (b) No high school which receives funding under this article shall participate in, sponsor,
19 or provide coaching staff for interscholastic sports events which are conducted under the
20 authority of, conducted under the rules of, or scheduled by any athletic association that
21 prohibits student athletes from participation in a sport at a school to which he or she
22 transferred based on a change in residence, when such change in residence was precipitated
23 by divorce, change in student athlete's custodial parent or legal guardian, death of custodial
24 parent or legal guardian, or change in placement of foster child."

25 **SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.