

# HOUSE BILL No. 1385

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-26-21.

**Synopsis:** Broadcast rights in school sports. Provides, for purposes of a regular season school athletic event, that the school corporation of the visiting team may broadcast its own coverage of the athletic event regardless of any athletic association rule or policy to the contrary, if: (1) the school corporation has entered into an agreement with a media organization to broadcast the visiting team's games; or (2) as part of a school curricular program, the school corporation regularly broadcasts the visiting team's home games.

**Effective:** July 1, 2022.

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January 13, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-26-21 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2022]:

4 **Chapter 21. Athletic Event Broadcast Rights**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "athletic association" means an**  
6 **association as defined in IC 20-26-14-1.**

7 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "coverage", with regard to an**  
8 **athletic event, means:**

- 9 (1) audio;
- 10 (2) video; or
- 11 (3) both audio and video;

12 **of the athletic event, transmitted in real time, with or without a**  
13 **concurrent audio, video, or textual description of the athletic event.**

14 **Sec. 3. (a) Notwithstanding any athletic association rule or**  
15 **policy to the contrary, the school corporation of one (1) or more**  
16 **students who are participating in a regular season athletic event**  
17 **taking place outside the school corporation may broadcast the**



1 school corporation's own coverage of the athletic event if:  
2 (1) the school corporation has entered into an agreement with  
3 a media organization to broadcast coverage of athletic events  
4 in which the school corporation's students participate; or  
5 (2) as part of a school curricular program, the school  
6 corporation regularly broadcasts coverage of athletic events  
7 in which the school corporation's students participate and  
8 that take place within the school corporation.  
9 (b) This section may not be construed as to affect broadcast  
10 rights concerning athletic events conducted as part of a postseason  
11 tournament that is conducted, organized, sanctioned, or sponsored  
12 by an athletic association.

