

HOUSE BILL 2282

By Hill M

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, Part 1; Title 4, Chapter 5, Part 3 and Title 49, Chapter 2, relative to school athletics.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-132, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() Public schools, including public charter schools, shall not use public funds to join, become members of, or maintain membership in an association that regulates interscholastic athletics if:

(1) Hearings related to student-athlete eligibility are held by any entity other than an administrative law judge employed within the administrative procedures division of the office of the secretary of state;

(2) The location, date, time, and applicable deadlines for hearings related to student-athlete eligibility are set by an entity other than the administrative law judge; or

(3) Appeals of decisions of the administrative law judge are heard by an entity other than the chancery or circuit court of the student-athlete's home county.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.