

SENATE BILL 458

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-50-801 and Section 49-6-3050, relative to participation in interscholastic athletics by home school students.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3050(e), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

Notwithstanding subdivision (e)(3), no public school shall be a member of an organization or association that regulates interscholastic athletic competition, if the organization or association establishes or maintains eligibility requirements for home school students desiring to participate in interscholastic athletics that permit students in home schools governed by subsection (b) to participate, but not students in home schools that are exempt under subdivisions (a)(2) and (a)(3) from the requirements of subsection (b).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to participation in interscholastic athletics beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year.