

Legislative Analysis



SCHOOLS CANNOT JOIN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE OR ASSOCIATION THAT RESTRICTS TRAVEL

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House Bill 5244

Sponsor: Rep. Bert Johnson

Committee: Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5244 AS INTRODUCED 9-19-07

House Bill 5244 would amend the Revised School Code to require the board of a school district or a charter school to ensure that the district (or a school within the district) *is not a member* of an athletic conference or of a statewide interscholastic athletic association, and *does not compete* in events sponsored by that conference or association, if that conference or association has a policy, bylaw, rule, or regulation that limits the distance that an athletic team may travel to participate in a game, meet, match, contest, or competition.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state and is unlikely to have a fiscal impact on local school districts or public school academies. There may be transition costs if despite a change in statute, athletic conferences and associations did not change their rules allowing further travel, thus forcing districts to change the conference or association with which they participate. If conference/association travel rules were changed, districts might choose to participate in athletic events which require longer travel and therefore could create additional but voluntary travel costs for a district.

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