

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2249

By: Burns

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An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 8-103.2, which relates to transfer student participation in athletic competition; granting eligibility for certain transfer students; requiring immediate eligibility for students who transfer prior to sophomore year; modifying criteria of a one-year waiting period for certain transfer students; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 8-103.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 8-103.2 A. Except as otherwise provided, a student who ~~enrolls~~ transfers, pursuant to the Education Open Transfer Act or pursuant to Section ~~2~~ 8-113 of this ~~act~~ title, ~~in~~ to a school district in which the student is not a resident shall ~~not~~ be eligible to participate in school-related extramural athletic competition governed by the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association ~~for a period of one (1) year from~~ on the first day of

1 attendance at the receiving school ~~unless the transfer is from a~~  
2 ~~school district which does not offer the grade the student is~~  
3 ~~entitled to pursue~~ if the student did not letter in the school-  
4 related extramural athletic competition at the student's prior  
5 school.

6 B. A student who transfers prior to his or her sophomore year  
7 of high school, pursuant to the Education Open Transfer Act or  
8 Section 8-113 of this title, shall be eligible to participate in  
9 school-related extramural athletic competition governed by the  
10 Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association on the first day of  
11 attendance at the receiving school.

12 C. If the student ~~is granted an emergency transfer pursuant to~~  
13 ~~Section 8-104 of this title, was granted a transfer for any reason~~  
14 ~~prior to January 1, 2000, or~~ enrolls pursuant to the Education Open  
15 Transfer Act and qualifies for a hardship waiver pursuant to the  
16 rules of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association,  
17 eligibility to participate in school-related extramural athletic  
18 competition shall be determined by the Oklahoma Secondary School  
19 Activities Association. If the student does not meet the criteria  
20 provided in subsection A or B of this section and does not qualify  
21 for a hardship waiver, the student shall not be eligible to  
22 participate in school-related extramural athletic competition  
23 governed by the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association for  
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1 a period of one (1) year from the first day of attendance at the  
2 receiving school.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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