

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 4277

By: Miller

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to school athletics; defining terms; providing school districts with exclusive control of school facilities; authorizing a cause of action for injunctive relief; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 8-103.2, which relates to extramural athletic competition for transfer students; removing automatic ineligibility; requiring determination of rule violation for student to be ineligible; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 27-201 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1. "School athletic association" shall have the same meaning as provided for in Section 27-102 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

2. "School facilities" means any property or building owned and operated by a public school district including, but not limited to, athletic fields, gymnasiums, courts, training facilities, practice facilities, and weight rooms.

1 B. Notwithstanding any policy of a school athletic association,
2 a public school district shall have exclusive control over the use
3 of any school facilities.

4 C. Any public school district shall have a cause of action for
5 injunctive relief against any school athletic association that
6 attempts to limit or control the use of school facilities.

7 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 8-103.2, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 8-103.2. ~~Except as otherwise provided, a~~ A student who
10 enrolls, pursuant to the Education Open Transfer Act or pursuant to
11 Section ~~2~~ 8-113 of this ~~act~~ title, in a school district ~~in which the~~
12 ~~student is not a resident~~ shall ~~not~~ be eligible to participate in
13 school-related extramural athletic competition ~~governed by the~~
14 ~~Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association for a period of one~~
15 ~~(1) year from the first day of attendance at the receiving school~~
16 ~~unless the transfer is from a school district which does not offer~~
17 ~~the grade the student is entitled to pursue. If the student is~~
18 ~~granted an emergency transfer pursuant to Section 8-104 of this~~
19 ~~title, was granted a transfer for any reason prior to January 1,~~
20 ~~2000, or enrolls pursuant to the Education Open Transfer Act and~~
21 ~~qualifies for a hardship waiver pursuant to the rules of the~~
22 ~~Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association, eligibility to~~
23 ~~participate in school-related extramural athletic competition shall~~
24 ~~be determined by the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities~~

1 ~~Association~~ unless the student is determined, after a formal due
2 process hearing, to be ineligible for violation of a specific rule
3 based on substantial evidence of any governing school athletic
4 association.

5 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

6 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
7 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
8 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
9 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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