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SUMMARY

- Limits participation of international students in K-12 school interscholastic athletics to only those students who attend a school that began operating a dormitory on its campus prior to 2014.
- Repeals the requirement that school districts, interscholastic conferences, and organizations that regulate interscholastic athletics have uniform transfer rules for public and nonpublic schools.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

International students in athletics

The bill restores a provision of prior law regarding international students participating in interscholastic athletics. Specifically, the bill permits an international student with an F-1 U.S. visa to participate in interscholastic athletics regardless of the residency of the student's parents *only* if the student attends a school that began operating a dormitory on its campus prior to 2014.¹ H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly, effective October 17, 2019, eliminated the condition that a student must attend a school that began operating a dormitory prior to 2014.

Current law permits any international student who attends an Ohio elementary or secondary school to participate in interscholastic athletics at that school on the same basis as students who are Ohio residents if the student holds an F-1 U.S. visa. The student cannot be denied the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics solely because the student's parents do not reside in this state.

¹ R.C. 3313. 5315.

Athletic transfer rules

The bill repeals a section of law that requires a school district, interscholastic conference, or organization that regulates interscholastic athletics to have the same transfer rules for public and nonpublic schools and prohibits the creation of rules, bylaws, or other regulations to the contrary.² This provision was enacted by H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly, effective October 17, 2019.

HISTORY

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² R.C. 3313.5316, repealed by the bill.