



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Permits any international student who holds an F-1 U.S. visa to participate in interscholastic athletics, regardless of whether the student's school began operating a dormitory prior to 2014 (as provided under current law).
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

International students in interscholastic athletics

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

Current law specifically permits an international student with an F-1 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

The bill, thus, removes the exclusionary provision and expands permission to all properly credentialed international students to participate in interscholastic athletics.

¹ R.C. 3315.5315.

HISTORY

ACTION

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