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4 SYNOPSIS:

This bill would require K-12 public schools to evaluate the eligibility of each student intending to participate in a sport at least 21 days prior to the first event for that sport.

This bill would also provide an athletic association's determination as to a student's eligibility to participate in a sport is final for the entire school year.

This bill would also prohibit public K-12 schools from membership in athletic associations under certain circumstances.

18 A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

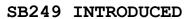
20 AN ACT

Relating to K-12 school athletics, to require a K-12 public school to determine a student's eligibility to participate in a sport at least 21 days prior to the first event for that sport; to provide that an athletic association's eligibility determination is final; and to prohibit public K-12 schools from membership in athletic associations under certain circumstances.

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- 29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
- 30 Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section the term
- 31 "athletic association" means any athletic organization
- 32 operating in the state with authority over its member
- institution's athletic programs, which receives public funds
- in any form, and whose member institutions make use of public
- 35 facilities.
- 36 (b) A K-12 public school shall make a determination
- 37 regarding the eligibility of each student who intends to
- 38 participate in an interscholastic sport according to the
- 39 eligibility rules of the athletic association to which the
- 40 school is a member. A school may seek clarification and input
- 41 on any determination of a student's eligibility to participate
- in a sport from the athletic association, and the association
- 43 shall make a determination which shall be final for the
- 44 remainder of the school year in which the determination was
- 45 made. Both the school's and athletic association's
- 46 determination as to a student's eligibility to participate in
- 47 a sport shall be made at least 21 days prior to the first
- 48 scheduled event for the sport which is subject to the
- 49 eligibility policies of the athletic association.
- 50 (c) No public K-12 school may be a member of an
- 51 athletic association that does not make an eligibility
- 52 determination at least 21 days prior to the first scheduled
- 53 event for the sport which the student seeks to participate in
- and to which the association's eligibility rules apply.
- 55 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first
- day of the third month following its passage and approval by





57 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.