

High School Sports Integrity Act

A bill designed to erase the Amendment in HB 2820 that allows for one time free transfer of high school athletes to any school without eligibility penalties.

If a student enrolls who has been released and accepted by formal actions of county boards of education or similar governing bodies of a private/parochial , the student will be granted immediate eligibility provided all other rules are met. The enrollment transfer must occur at the beginning of the 9 th grade academic year with the student enrolled on or before the eleventh instructional day of the beginning of the academic year and provided that the student is residing with the parents. With respect to a student whose parents reside in an attendance zone containing more than one member school, at the time of enrollment in an out of district school at the beginning of the student's 9 th grade academic year, the student must identify a "home" school. In the event the student later elects to utilize "transfer back" , the student is only eligible to transfer back to the identified "home" school. Once a student has been a member of a team that has participated in a scrimmage or contest, the student has established eligibility at that school.

During the 9 th , 10 th , 11 th , and 12 th grades, a student shall be entitled to one transfer back from a

school located outside the attendance zone where the student's parents reside into the member school located within the attendance zone where the student's parents reside. This school must be the home school identified in the initial enrollment in the out of district school.

Any student transferring under the provisions of this rule will not become eligible until the completion of the academic year in which the transfer occurs. Eligibility will begin with the succeeding fall sports season, or immediately if the transfer back is completed on or before the eleventh instructional day of the beginning of the academic year. Once a student has been a member of a team that has participated in a scrimmage or contest, the student has established eligibility at that school.

This law shall override any previous law regarding the transfer and eligibility of high school athletes in West Virginia.

Only the WVSSAC and its board of directors shall have ability to change or modify this eligibility requirement as necessary.