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SENATE BILL 5583

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By Senator Baumgartner

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1 AN ACT Relating to rules and policies of the Washington  
2 interscholastic activities association and any voluntary nonprofit  
3 entity with the authority over interschool athletic activities and  
4 other interschool extracurricular activities for students of a school  
5 district; and amending RCW 28A.600.200.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.600.200 and 2012 c 155 s 2 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 (1) Each school district board of directors is hereby granted and  
10 shall exercise the authority to control, supervise and regulate the  
11 conduct of interschool athletic activities and other interschool  
12 extracurricular activities of an athletic, cultural, social or  
13 recreational nature for students of the district. A board of  
14 directors may delegate control, supervision and regulation of any  
15 such activity to the Washington interscholastic activities  
16 association or any other voluntary nonprofit entity and compensate  
17 such entity for services provided, subject to the following  
18 conditions:

19 ~~((1))~~ (a) The voluntary nonprofit entity shall not discriminate  
20 in connection with employment or membership upon its governing board,

1 or otherwise in connection with any function it performs, on the  
2 basis of race, creed, national origin, sex or marital status;

3 ~~((2)(a))~~ (b)(i) Any rules and policies adopted and applied by  
4 the voluntary nonprofit entity that governs student participation in  
5 any interschool activity shall be written; and

6 ~~((b))~~ (ii) Such rules and policies shall provide for notice of  
7 the reasons and a fair opportunity to contest such reasons prior to a  
8 final determination to reject a student's request to participate in  
9 or to continue in an interschool activity~~((-))~~;

10 ~~((3)(a))~~ (c)(i) The association or other voluntary nonprofit  
11 entity is authorized to impose penalties for rules violations upon  
12 coaches, school district administrators, school administrators, and  
13 students, as appropriate, to punish the offending party or parties;

14 ~~((b))~~ (ii) No penalty may be imposed on a student or students  
15 unless the student or students knowingly violated the rules or unless  
16 a student gained a significant competitive advantage or materially  
17 disadvantaged another student through a rule violation;

18 ~~((e))~~ (iii) Any penalty that is imposed for rules violations  
19 must be proportional to the offense;

20 ~~((d))~~ (iv) Any decision resulting in a penalty shall be  
21 considered a decision of the school district conducting the activity  
22 in which the student seeks to participate or was participating and  
23 may be appealed pursuant to RCW 28A.600.205 and 28A.645.010 through  
24 28A.645.030~~((-))~~;

25 ~~((4))~~ (d) The school districts, Washington interscholastic  
26 activities association districts, and leagues that participate in the  
27 interschool extracurricular activities shall not impose more severe  
28 penalties for rule violations than can be imposed by the rules of the  
29 association or the voluntary nonprofit entity;

30 (e) Any proposed rules, policies, and amendments to be applied by  
31 the Washington interscholastic activities association or other such  
32 voluntary nonprofit entity and any proposed repeal of any rules and  
33 policies must be proposed and made available to the legislature and  
34 the public by January 1st of the year of the proposed adoption or  
35 repeal and may not be adopted or repealed until after the end of the  
36 Washington state regular legislative session of that year.

37 ~~((5))~~ (2) As used in this section and RCW 28A.600.205,  
38 "knowingly" means having actual knowledge of or acting with

1 deliberate ignorance or reckless disregard for the prohibition  
2 involved.

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