

SENATE BILL No. 514

By Committee on Ways and Means

2-18

1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to school activities; authorizing
2 students to participate in school activities immediately upon transfer
3 unless such students were recruited, induced or unduly influenced to
4 transfer for athletic activity participation; amending K.S.A. 72-7117
5 and repealing the existing section.
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 New Section 1. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b), a student
9 who participates in an activity for a school and transfers from such school
10 during the school year to a school that is located in Kansas shall be
11 immediately eligible to participate in such activity for the school where
12 such student transferred if:

13 (1) The student meets the requirements to participate in such activity
14 as established by law or the activities association referred to in K.S.A. 72-
15 7114, and amendments thereto;

16 (2) the student meets any standards of acceptance, behavior and
17 performance that are required of any student participating in such activity;

18 (3) the student possesses the skill and ability requirements to
19 participate in such activity as determined by the coach or director of such
20 activity; and

21 (4) the maximum number of students allowed to participate in such
22 activity has not been reached.

23 (b) A student who participates in an athletic activity and transfers as
24 provided in subsection (a) shall be ineligible to participate in such athletic
25 activity for one calendar year if the student was recruited, induced or
26 unduly influenced to transfer to the school primarily for athletic activity
27 purposes. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the
28 eligibility of a transfer student seeking to participate in a nonathletic
29 activity.

30 (c) Except as provided in subsection (b), when a student transfers
31 schools, neither the sending school nor the receiving school shall delay
32 eligibility or otherwise prevent a student from being immediately eligible
33 to participate in activities.

34 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-7117 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-
35 7117. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires:-

36 (a)- "Activities" means school activities and contests in the fields of

1 athletics, music, forensics, dramatics and any other ~~interschool~~
2 *interscholastic* extracurricular activities by students enrolled in any of the
3 grades ~~from seven (7) to twelve (through 12), inclusive.~~

4 (b) "Board of education" means the board of education of a school
5 district and the governing authority of any accredited nonpublic school.

6 (c) *"Nonathletic activities" means contests in the fields of music,*
7 *forensics, dramatics and other interscholastic extracurricular activities*
8 *that are not classified as athletic activities.*

9 (d) "School district" means any public school district.

10 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 72-7117 is hereby repealed.

11 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
12 publication in the statute book.