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AN ACT relating to interscholastic events; requiring the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association to adopt regulations governing spirit squads; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association to adopt regulations that are necessary to control, supervise and regulate all interscholastic events at public schools, charter schools, private schools and parochial schools in Nevada. (NRS 386.420-386.470) Pursuant to that authority, the Association has adopted regulations governing the activities of cheerleaders and other members of a spirit squad at those schools. (NAC 386.754-386.7548)

Section 1 of this bill requires the Association to adopt regulations setting forth the standards of safety for each event, competition or other activity engaged in by a spirit squad and the qualifications required for a person to become a coach of a spirit squad. **Section 5** of this bill requires each spirit squad and each person who is a coach of a spirit squad to comply with those regulations on or before July 1, 2008.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 386.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:

386.430 1. The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association shall adopt rules and regulations in the manner provided for state agencies by chapter 233B of NRS ~~H~~ as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 386.420 to 386.470, inclusive. The regulations must include provisions governing the eligibility and participation of homeschooled children in interscholastic activities and events.

2. *The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association shall adopt regulations setting forth:*

(a) The standards of safety for each event, competition or other activity engaged in by a spirit squad of a school that is a member of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association, which must substantially comply with the spirit rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations, or its successor organization; and

(b) The qualifications required for a person to become a coach of a spirit squad.

3. If the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association intends to adopt, repeal or amend a policy, rule or regulation concerning or affecting homeschooled children, the Association shall consult with the Northern Nevada Homeschool Advisory Council and the



Southern Nevada Homeschool Advisory Council, or their successor organizations, to provide those Councils with a reasonable opportunity to submit data, opinions or arguments, orally or in writing, concerning the proposal or change. The Association shall consider all written and oral submissions respecting the proposal or change before taking final action.

4. As used in this section, "spirit squad" means any team or other group of persons that is formed for the purpose of:

(a) Leading cheers or rallies to encourage support for a team that participates in a sport that is sanctioned by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association; or

(b) Participating in a competition against another team or other group of persons to determine the ability of each team or group of persons to engage in an activity specified in paragraph (a).

Sec. 2. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 3. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 4. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 5. 1. Each spirit squad of a school that is a member of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association shall, on or before July 1, 2008, comply with the regulations adopted by the Association pursuant to NRS 386.430, as amended by section 1 of this act.

2. Each person who is a coach of a spirit squad shall, on or before July 1, 2008, comply with the regulations adopted by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association pursuant to NRS 386.430, as amended by section 1 of this act.

Sec. 6. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

