

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 386—ASSEMBLYMAN MABEY

MARCH 16, 2007

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Requires the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association to adopt regulations governing spirit squads. (BDR 34-1108)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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:

1 Existing law authorizes the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association to
2 adopt regulations that are necessary to control, supervise and regulate all
3 interscholastic events at public schools, charter schools, private schools and
4 parochial schools in Nevada. (NRS 386.420-386.470) Pursuant to that authority, the
5 Association has adopted regulations governing the activities of cheerleaders and
6 other members of a spirit squad at those schools. (NAC 386.754-386.7548)
7 **Section 1** of this bill requires the Association to adopt regulations setting forth
8 the standards of safety for each event, competition or other activity engaged in by a
9 spirit squad and the qualifications required for a person to become a coach of a
10 spirit squad.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 386.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 386.430 1. The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association
3 shall adopt rules and regulations in the manner provided for state
4 agencies by chapter 233B of NRS ~~H~~ as may be necessary to carry
5 out the provisions of NRS 386.420 to 386.470, inclusive. The
6 regulations must include provisions governing the eligibility and



1 participation of homeschooled children in interscholastic activities
2 and events.

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

5 (a) *The standards of safety for each event, competition or*
6 *other activity engaged in by a spirit squad of a school that is a*
7 *member of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association; and*

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

10 3. *The regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 2 must:*

11 (a) *Substantially comply with the spirit rules of the National*
12 *Federation of State High School Associations, or its successor*
13 *organization, and the qualifications for coaching of the American*
14 *Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators, or its*
15 *successor organization; and*

16 (b) *Provide for the regulation of the activities of spirit squads*
17 *as an athletic activity.*

18 4. If the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association intends
19 to adopt, repeal or amend a policy, rule or regulation concerning or
20 affecting homeschooled children, the Association shall consult with
21 the Northern Nevada Homeschool Advisory Council and the
22 Southern Nevada Homeschool Advisory Council, or their successor
23 organizations, to provide those Councils with a reasonable
24 opportunity to submit data, opinions or arguments, orally or in
25 writing, concerning the proposal or change. The Association shall
26 consider all written and oral submissions respecting the proposal or
27 change before taking final action.

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

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

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

37 Sec. 2. (Deleted by amendment.)

38 Sec. 3. (Deleted by amendment.)

39 Sec. 4. (Deleted by amendment.)

40 Sec. 5. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

