

Assembly Bill No. 464—Committee on Education

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AN ACT relating to the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association; revising provisions governing the eligibility of a pupil to participate in a sanctioned sport after attending school in another country as a foreign exchange student; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes the formation of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association, consisting of all the school districts in this State, for the purposes of controlling, supervising and regulating all interscholastic athletic events and other interscholastic events in the public schools in this State. (NRS 385B.050) Existing law further requires the rules and regulations adopted by the Association to provide for the membership of charter schools, private schools and parochial schools which may elect to join the Association. (NRS 385B.110) Existing regulations of the Association establish various requirements for determining the eligibility of a pupil to participate in a sanctioned sport, which is defined in existing law as any athletic competition approved by the Association. (NRS 385B.030, NAC 385B.700-385B.786)

Section 1 of this bill requires the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association to hold harmless a pupil who attends school in another country as a foreign exchange student so that upon his or her return to the school which he or she attended before studying abroad, the pupil may participate in a sanctioned sport to the same extent that the pupil could have participated had he or she not attended a school in another county. **Section 1** specifies that in holding the pupil harmless, the Association must not consider the period during which the pupil attended school in another country and must waive any eligibility requirements that may otherwise prevent the pupil from participating in a sanctioned sport solely based on the circumstances caused by attending school in another country as a foreign exchange student. **Section 1** specifies, however, that such a pupil is not authorized to participate in a sanctioned sport if the pupil exceeds the age allowed for participating in a sanctioned sport which is determined by the Association by regulation. (NAC 385B.710)

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

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

Section 1. Chapter 385B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new provision to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, if a pupil who attended a school in another country as a foreign exchange student upon return enrolls in the same school attended before attending school in another country, the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association shall hold the pupil harmless for purposes of determining eligibility to participate in a sanctioned sport so that



the pupil may participate in a sanctioned sport to the same extent as though he or she had not attended school in another country, including, without limitation, not considering the period during which the pupil was attending school in the other country and waiving any eligibility requirements that may otherwise prevent the pupil from participating in a sanctioned sport solely because of the circumstances caused by attending school in another country as a foreign exchange student.

2. The provisions of this section do not apply to a pupil described in subsection 1 who exceeds the age allowed for participation in a sanctioned sport.

Sec. 2. Any administrative regulations adopted by the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association which conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby declared to be unenforceable to the extent of the conflict and must be revised as soon as practicable.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

