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2 90th General Assembly

# A Bill

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SENATE BILL 331

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO ALLOW FREEDOM OF PARTICIPATION IN

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INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS IN ARKANSAS; TO DECLARE AN

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EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 *SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY.*

23 *(a) The Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) shall allow an AAA member*  
24 *school to play a home school team if the home school team complies with this*  
25 *act.*

26 *(b) A home school team shall comply with the AAA rules for student*  
27 *athletes, including rules concerning:*

28 *(1) Age;*

29 *(2) School semesters;*

30 *(3) Scholarships;*

31 *(4) Physical exams;*

32 *(5) Foreign student eligibility; and*

33 *(6) Amateurs.*

34 *(c) A coach of a home school team shall comply with AAA rules*  
35 *concerning the certification of home school coaches.*

36 *(d)(1) This act does not allow a home school team to participate in an*



1 AAA sanctioned:

2 (A) Conference;

3 (B) Conference tournament;

4 (C) District tournament;

5 (D) Regional tournament; or

6 (E) State tournament or event.

7 (2) This act does not allow eligibility for a recognition award  
8 of championship.

9 (e) A home school team may participate in the following team sports:

10 (1) Basketball;

11 (2) Baseball;

12 (3) Softball;

13 (4) Soccer; and

14 (5) Volleyball.

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16 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
17 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that athletics plays a critical  
18 role in the life of students; that allowing home school teams to compete  
19 against public school teams in certain sports is important; and that this act  
20 is immediately necessary to allow scheduling for the 2015-2016 academic year  
21 to proceed. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being  
22 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and  
23 safety shall become effective on:

24 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

25 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
26 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
27 bill; or

28 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
29 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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31 /s/J. Hendren

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34 **APPROVED: 03/20/2015**