

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 548

Short Title: Interscholastic Athletics. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Johnson, McInnis, and Sawyer (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 6, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR OVERSIGHT OF PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-12(23) reads as rewritten:

"(23) Power to Adopt Eligibility Rules for Interscholastic Athletic Competition. –
The State Board of Education shall adopt rules governing interscholastic
athletic activities conducted by local boards of education, including eligibility
for student participation. With regard to middle schools and high schools, the
rules shall provide for the following:

...

The State Board of Education may authorize a designated organization to
apply and enforce the Board's rules governing participation in interscholastic
athletic activities at the high school level. No organization shall be designated
by the State Board unless that organization consents in writing to the conduct
of audits by the State Auditor. The State Auditor is authorized to conduct
audits of any designated organization in the same manner as for State agencies
in accordance with Article 5A of Chapter 147 of the General Statutes."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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