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| 1 | A JOINT RESOLUTION directing a report on the transfer processes in |
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| 2 | interscholastic athletics. |
| 3 | WHEREAS, the Kentucky Board of Education has designated the Kentucky High |
| 4 | School Athletic Association (KHSAA) as the board's agent to manage interscholastic |
| 5 | athletics in this state; and |
| 6 | WHEREAS, nearly 290 public and nonpublic schools are members of the KHSAA, |
| 7 | representing significant numbers of student-athletes, and each member has signed |
| 8 | agreements to comply with adopted rules; and |
| 9 | WHEREAS, the KHSAA has adopted bylaws governing the eligibility of student- |
| 10 | athletes who transfer between member schools after participating at the varsity level in |
| 11 | grade nine or above, which are designed to prevent athletic advantage but may impact |
| 12 | school choice options; and |
| 13 | WHEREAS, the KHSAA is bound by statute to comply with KRS Chapter 13B in |
| 14 | its processing of transfers; and |
| 15 | WHEREAS, the KHSAA annually processes an increasing number of transfers, |
| 16 | with more than 900 inquiries and forms submitted in each of the last two years, indicating |
| 17 | a growing population of mobile students; and |
| 18 | WHEREAS, transfer between member schools can be a difficult challenge for |
| 19 | students where inefficiencies and insufficiencies in the information provided for the |
| 20 | rulings can cause delays that impact student-athletes' ability to participate in |
| 21 | interscholastic athletics; and |
| 22 | WHEREAS, student-athletes are subject to time limitations on participation by |
| 23 | statutes and administrative regulations, making each year of participation critical for |
| 24 | students; |
| 25 | NOW, THEREFORE, |

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By December 1, 2025, the Kentucky High School Athletic

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

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1 Association (KHSAA), as the agent designated by the Kentucky Board of Education to

- 2 manage interscholastic athletics, shall submit a report to the Legislative Research
- 3 Commission for referral to the appropriate interim joint committee for consideration of
- 4 possible proposed legislation during the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly.
- 5 The report shall include:
- 6 (1) A report of the past two full school years detailing the transfers submitted, the
- 7 initial ruling by the ruling officer, whether or not the case was appealed, the results of the
- 8 appeal, the presence of counsel in the appeal, and the eventual ruling;
- 9 (2) How recent changes by the KHSAA to implement an electronic system to
- manage the student-athlete transfer process have been implemented, and how this system
- 11 has impacted the eligibility determination process, including the appeal process;
- 12 (3) Changes made or proposed through the membership process and the results of
- those changes; and
- 14 (4) Recommendations for proposed changes to statutes governing the KHSAA,
- 15 including possible exemptions from KRS Chapter 13B or further revisions to the
- administrative timeline, hearing to improve the transfer and eligibility review process.

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