SB36

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RFD: Education Policy

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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would require that a student who transfers from one public K-12 school to another shall be enrolled in classes and may participate in activities, including athletic activities, in the same manner as all other students.

This bill would also prohibit public K-12 schools from denying, or from being a member of any athletic association that denies, a student's participation in an athletic activity based on when he or she transferred to that school.

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to the transfer of public K-12 students; to require students who transfer from one public school to another to be enrolled in classes and eligible for participation in activities in the same manner as all other students; and to prohibit public K-12 schools from denying, and from membership in an athletic association that denies, student participation in athletic events based on when they transferred to the school.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) ATHLETIC ACTIVITY. The same meaning as Section 16-30D-2, Code of Alabama 1975.

(2) SCHOOL. A public K-12 school.

(b)(1) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, any student who transfers from one school to another shall be enrolled in classes and may participate in activities, including athletic activities, at the school where he or she transferred in the same manner as all other students enrolled at that school.

(2) No public K-12 school may deny, nor be a member of an athletic association that denies, student participation in, or eligibility for, an athletic activity at the school where the student is enrolled based on the date in which he or she transferred to that school.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2024.