

By: Representative Scott

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 453

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM PAYING ANY PUBLIC
2 FUNDS OR OTHER FUNDS GENERATED FROM THE SALE OF TICKETS,
3 CONCESSIONS OR PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS FOR STATE PLAYOFF AND
4 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES IN WHICH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS A COMPETING
5 OPPONENT, TO THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION OR
6 ANY ASSOCIATION OR ENTITY ESTABLISHED TO REGULATE HIGH SCHOOL
7 ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES; TO AUTHORIZE COMPETING
8 SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO AGREE TO MAKE A PAYMENT TO SUCH ASSOCIATION
9 FOR ESSENTIAL AND NECESSARY SERVICES PROVIDED TO FACILITATE THE
10 ADMINISTRATION OF PLAYOFF AND CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES; AND FOR RELATED
11 PURPOSES.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

13 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Legislature recognizes that public
14 schools athletics and extracurricular activities constitute an
15 important part of the educational experience for Mississippi's
16 public school children, but the oversight of those programs must
17 be transparent and accessible to the school administrators of the
18 state as well as to the parents and taxpayers of the State of
19 Mississippi.

20 (2) From and after July 1, 2018, no school district shall be
21 required to pay any public funds, or other funds over which it may
22 have control, generated from the sale of tickets, concessions or



23 promotional materials for state playoff and championship games in
24 which the school district is represented as a competing opponent,
25 to the Mississippi High School Athletics Association or any
26 association, corporation or other organization established and
27 operated for the sole purpose of regulating high school athletics
28 and extracurricular activities. However, upon an agreement
29 between the school districts of the two (2) competing opponents, a
30 percentage or an agreed upon specified amount of the revenue
31 generated from the playoff and championship games may be paid to
32 such association for costs of providing essential and necessary
33 services to facilitate the administration of the games. The cost
34 for each service shall be itemized and shall in no manner exceed
35 the costs for equivalent services provided during the regular
36 season of play.

37 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
38 and after July 1, 2018.

