

By: Representative Bain

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 684

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-11-65, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
 2 TO ALLOW STUDENTS WHO TRANSFER FROM OUTSIDE OF THE STATE TO ATTEND
 3 A PUBLIC SCHOOL WITHIN THE STATE, AS INDICATED BY THE LOCAL SCHOOL
 4 BOARD'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE STUDENT'S TRANSFER AND SUBSEQUENT
 5 ENROLLMENT IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN A MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO
 6 BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY EXTRACURRICULAR OR ATHLETIC
 7 ACTIVITY SPONSORED OR SANCTIONED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, PROVIDED
 8 THAT THE STUDENT SATISFIES THE GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS;
 9 TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD TO CONSIDER THE STUDENT'S
 10 CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE DURING THE LAST SEMESTER OF
 11 ATTENDANCE AT THE PRECEDING SCHOOL OF ATTENDANCE IN DETERMINING
 12 THE TRANSFER STUDENT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR A PARTICIPATION IN ANY
 13 EXTRACURRICULAR OR ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES AT THE BEGINNING OF A
 14 SCHOOL YEAR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

16 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-11-65, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
 17 amended as follows:

18 37-11-65. (1) A student who is enrolled in any grade higher
 19 than Grade 6 in a school district in this state must be suspended
 20 from participation in any extracurricular or athletic activity
 21 sponsored or sanctioned by the school district after a semester in
 22 which the student's cumulative grade point average is below a 2.0
 23 on a 4.0 scale. The suspension from participation in
 24 extracurricular or athletic activities may not be removed until



25 the student's cumulative grade point average in a succeeding
26 semester is 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. A student with a
27 cumulative grade point average below a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale at the
28 last semester of an academic school year shall be suspended from
29 participation in extracurricular or athletic activities in the
30 succeeding academic school year until the student's cumulative
31 grade point average is 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

32 (2) Any student who transfers from outside of the state to
33 attend a public school within the state, as indicated by the local
34 school board's acceptance of the student's transfer and subsequent
35 enrollment in a school in that school district, shall be eligible
36 to participate in any extracurricular or athletic activity
37 sponsored or sanctioned by the school district, provided that the
38 student satisfies the grade point average requirements of
39 subsection (1) of this section. In determining a transfer
40 student's eligibility for participation in any extracurricular or
41 athletic activities at the beginning of a school year, the local
42 school board shall take into consideration whether the student's
43 cumulative grade point average during the last semester of
44 attendance at the preceding school of attendance is 2.0 or higher
45 on a 4.0 scale.

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

