

By: Senator(s) McMahan, Robinson

To: Education

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 2152

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROPERTY INTEREST IN INTERSCHOLASTIC  
2 ATHLETICS PARTICIPATION FOR STUDENT ATHLETES ENROLLED IN PUBLIC  
3 SECONDARY SCHOOLS; TO GUARANTEE DUE PROCESS, INCLUDING NOTICE, AN  
4 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AND THE RIGHT TO APPEAL, BEFORE A STUDENT  
5 ATHLETE MAY BE SUSPENDED, EXPELLED OR OTHERWISE REMOVED FROM SUCH  
6 PARTICIPATION; TO DIRECT THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES  
7 ASSOCIATION (MHSAA), IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE  
8 SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO  
9 PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT, INCLUDING  
10 ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS, DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES AND APPEAL  
11 PROCESSES ALLOWING THE PARTICIPATION OF LEGAL COUNSEL; AND FOR  
12 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

14 **SECTION 1.** (1) Student athletes enrolled in a public  
15 secondary school who meet all eligibility requirements established  
16 by the Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA) and  
17 their school shall have a property interest in their participation  
18 in interscholastic athletics. This property interest shall not  
19 constitute a guarantee of a particular position, role or level of  
20 participation within a team or sport but ensures the right to due  
21 process under the Constitution of the United States and the  
22 Constitution of the State of Mississippi.



23           (2) A student athlete shall not be suspended, expelled or  
24 otherwise removed from participation in interscholastic athletics  
25 without notice, an opportunity to be heard, and the right to  
26 appeal any adverse decision to MHSAA.

27           (3) MHSAA, in consultation with the Office of the Secretary  
28 of State and the Office of the Attorney General, shall promulgate  
29 rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this section,  
30 including, but not limited to, eligibility standards, disciplinary  
31 procedures and appeal processes allowing the participation of  
32 legal counsel.

33           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
34 and after July 1, 2026, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2026.

