

By: Senator(s) McMahan, Robinson

To: Education

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.

