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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington interscholastic activities
2 association and any voluntary nonprofit entity with the authority
3 over interschool athletic activities and other interschool
4 extracurricular activities for students of a school district;
5 amending RCW 28A.600.200; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.600
6 RCW.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

8 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.600.200 and 2012 c 155 s 2 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) Each school district board of directors is hereby granted and
11 shall exercise the authority to control, supervise and regulate the
12 conduct of interschool athletic activities and other interschool
13 extracurricular activities of an athletic, cultural, social or
14 recreational nature for students of the district.

15 (2) A board of directors may delegate control, supervision and
16 regulation of any (~~such~~) activity authorized under subsection (1)
17 of this section to the Washington interscholastic activities
18 association or any other voluntary nonprofit entity and compensate
19 such entity for services provided, subject to the following
20 conditions:

1 ~~((1))~~ (a) The voluntary nonprofit entity shall submit an annual
2 report to the office of the superintendent of public instruction of
3 student appeal determinations, assets, and financial receipts and
4 disbursements at such time and in such detail as the superintendent
5 of public instruction shall establish by rule;

6 (b) The voluntary nonprofit entity shall not discriminate in
7 connection with employment or membership upon its governing board, or
8 otherwise in connection with any function it performs, on the basis
9 of race, creed, national origin, sex or marital status;

10 ~~((2)(a))~~ (c)(i) Any rules and policies adopted and applied by
11 the voluntary nonprofit entity that governs student participation in
12 any interschool activity shall be written and subject to the annual
13 review and approval of the office of the superintendent of public
14 instruction at such time as it shall establish;

15 (ii) All amendments and repeals of such rules and policies shall
16 be subject to the review and approval of the superintendent of public
17 instruction; and

18 ~~((b))~~ (iii) Such rules and policies shall provide for notice of
19 the reasons and a fair opportunity to contest such reasons prior to a
20 final determination to reject a student's request to participate in
21 or to continue in an interschool activity~~((-))~~;

22 ~~((3)(a))~~ (d)(i) The association or other voluntary nonprofit
23 entity is authorized to impose penalties for rules violations upon
24 coaches, school district administrators, school administrators, and
25 students, as appropriate, to punish the offending party or parties;

26 ~~((b))~~ (ii) No penalty may be imposed on a student or students
27 unless the student or students knowingly violated the rules or unless
28 a student gained a significant competitive advantage or materially
29 disadvantaged another student through a rule violation;

30 ~~((e))~~ (iii) Any penalty that is imposed for rules violations
31 must be proportional to the offense; and

32 ~~((d))~~ (iv) Any decision resulting in a penalty shall be
33 considered a decision of the school district conducting the activity
34 in which the student seeks to participate or was participating and
35 may be appealed pursuant to RCW 28A.600.205 and 28A.645.010 through
36 28A.645.030~~((-))~~;

37 ~~((4))~~ (e) The school districts, Washington interscholastic
38 activities association districts, and leagues that participate in the
39 interschool extracurricular activities shall not impose more severe

1 penalties for rule violations than can be imposed by the rules of the
2 association or the voluntary nonprofit entity.

3 ~~((5))~~ (3) As used in this section and RCW 28A.600.205,
4 "knowingly" means having actual knowledge of or acting with
5 deliberate ignorance or reckless disregard for the prohibition
6 involved.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 Any championship elimination basketball tournaments held by the
10 Washington interscholastic activities association or other voluntary
11 nonprofit entity delegated to control, supervise, and regulate such
12 activities under RCW 28A.600.200 shall:

- 13 (1) Be composed of sixteen teams per classification;
- 14 (2) Be held over consecutive days; and
- 15 (3) Have all tournament games in each classification played in
16 the same city or county.

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