

SENATE BILL NO. 285

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Education and Health
on February 3, 2022)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator Ebbin)

A BILL to require the organization governing high school athletics for public and approved nonboarding nonpublic high schools to develop rules and standards for the prevention of inequities involving bullying or the use of ethnically or racially insensitive expressions during athletic competitions, procedures for enforcement of and penalties for the violation of such rules and standards, and corresponding training materials.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. A. With such funds as may be appropriated by the General Assembly for such purpose pursuant to the general appropriation act, the organization governing high school athletics for public and approved nonboarding nonpublic high schools (the organization) shall develop (i) rules and standards for the prevention of inequities involving bullying or the use of ethnically or racially insensitive expressions during athletic competitions sponsored by the organization's member schools, (ii) procedures for the enforcement of and penalties for the violation of such rules and standards, and (iii) training materials on such rules and standards.

B. Each member school of the organization shall abide by and implement the rules, standards, procedures, and penalties adopted by the organization pursuant to subsection A and shall ensure that each student who will participate in high school interscholastic athletic competition and each individual, whether paid or unpaid, who coaches a team that will participate in high school interscholastic athletic competition receives and reviews the training materials and the penalties for the violations of such rules developed by the organization pursuant to subsection A.

