

1 State of Arkansas  
2 90th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2015

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 894

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5 By: Senator Files

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROMOTE PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC  
9 SPORTS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.

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15 INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS; AND TO DECLARE AN  
16 EMERGENCY.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY.

22 (a) The Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) shall allow a private  
23 school student attending a AAA member private school that does not offer  
24 grades ten through twelve (10-12) to participate on an athletic team during  
25 the spring semester at a public high school the student will attend during  
26 the next school year if:

27 (1) The private school does not offer the athletic program; and

28 (2) The student meets the participation requirements by the  
29 school district in which the student seeks to participate on an athletic  
30 team.

31 (b) If a student participates on an athletic team during the spring  
32 semester at a public high school as allowed under subsection (a) of this  
33 section and the student does not attend the public high school in the next  
34 school year, the student shall be ineligible to participate in AAA sanctioned  
35 athletics for one (1) year.



1           SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
2 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that athletics play a crucial role  
3 in the school experience for many students; that opportunities for athletic  
4 participation can be limited to students depending on the school the student  
5 attends; and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure that the AAA  
6 can prepare rules and schedules for the 2015-2016 school year. Therefore, an  
7 emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for  
8 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become  
9 effective on:

10                   (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

11                   (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
12 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
13 bill; or

14                   (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
15 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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