

H.B. 172 2ND SUB IMMIGRANT STUDENT ATHLETE PARTICIPATION AMENDMENTS



Background

Last year, the legislature passed HB209 which, among other things, required public schools to collect each student's birth certificate to determine a student's eligibility in order to play in high school athletics and comply with HB11 (2022). The bill allowed for students who are homeless or not US citizens AND unable to provide a birth certificate to provide a government-issued ID (e.g. driver's license, passport) or other document issued by DHS.

Though schools verified that almost all students are able to provide some ID to comply, there was a fear raised that there may be some students who couldn't comply.

The intent behind HB209 was not to exclude any students from playing, but actually allow for more students to play.



What does H.B. 172 do?

HB172 allows students who are homeless or non-US citizens and cannot provide their birth certificate to submit other required documents as reliable proof of the student's date of birth and sex, including:

- an affidavit from the student's parent or legal guardian attesting to the student's date of birth and sex;
- a religious, hospital, or physician certificate;
- verified school records;
- verified immunization records; or
- documentation from a social service provider.

