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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would require the State Board of
9 Education to review and approve any rules relating
10 to student participation eligibility before
11 adoption by a high school athletic organization.

12 This bill would require 25 percent of the
13 membership of the governing body of the
14 organization to consist of individuals appointed by
15 the State Superintendent of Education or the State
16 Board of Education.

17 This bill would also require the Department
18 of Examiners of Public Accounts to audit the
19 organization in the same manner as an agency of the
20 state.

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22 A BILL
23 TO BE ENTITLED
24 AN ACT

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26 Relating to high school athletics; to require the
27 State Board of Education to review and approve any rules

1 relating to student participation eligibility before adoption
2 by a high school athletic organization; to require at least 25
3 percent of the membership of the governing body of the
4 organization to consist of individuals appointed by the State
5 Superintendent of Education or the State Board of Education;
6 and to require the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts
7 to audit the organization in the same manner as an agency of
8 the state.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, an
11 athletic organization is a high school athletic organization
12 operating in the state that receives public funds in any form,
13 whose member institutions make use of public facilities, and
14 whose employees may participate in the Retirement Systems of
15 Alabama.

16 (b) Commencing on the effective date of the act
17 adding this subsection, no rules relating to student
18 participation eligibility may be enforced, amended, or adopted
19 by an athletic organization without prior written approval of
20 the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education
21 shall develop a process for reviewing student participation
22 eligibility rules existing on the effective date of the act
23 adding this subsection and any new or amendatory rules
24 proposed by the athletic organization.

25 (c) Not later than January 1, 2020, at least 25
26 percent of the membership of the governing body of an athletic
27 organization shall consist of individuals appointed by the

1 State Superintendent of Education or the State Board of
2 Education.

3 (d) The Department of Examiners of Public Accounts
4 shall audit an athletic organization in the same manner as an
5 agency of the state.

6 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
7 first day of the third month following its passage and
8 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.