2021 SENATE BILL 384

May 27, 2021 – Introduced by Senators Jagler, Roth, Ballweg, Nass, Stroebel and Wimberger, cosponsored by Representatives Kuglitsch, Dittrich, Brandtjen, Duchow, Edming, Knodl, Magnafici, Murphy, Pronschinske and Rozar. Referred to Committee on Education.

AN ACT relating to: school district membership in an interscholastic athletic association in the 2021-22 school year.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits a school district from being a member of an interscholastic athletic association in the 2021-22 school year unless, for the 2021-22 school year, the association allows an exception to the association’s transfer rules based on the manner in which educational programming was delivered during the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years. Specifically, under the bill, for purposes of eligibility for the 2021-22 school year, the interscholastic athletic association must consider the method by which educational programming was delivered during the 2020-21 or 2021-22 school year to be an extenuating circumstance that justifies transferring schools. Under the bill, the “method of delivering educational programming” includes virtual instruction, in-person instruction, and a combination of both virtual and in-person instruction. Additionally, if a waiver is granted based on the method of delivering educational programming in the 2020-21 or 2021-22 school year, the association must allow the pupil to play any level of athletics during the 2021-22 school year, including varsity athletics.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.
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SECTION 1

(1) **Interscholastic Athletic Association Membership; 2021-22 School Year.** In the 2021-22 school year, no school district may be a member of an interscholastic athletic association unless, for purposes of determining pupil eligibility for the 2021-22 school year, the interscholastic athletic association does all of the following:

(a) If a request to waive the association’s transfer rules is submitted on behalf of a pupil, considers the method by which educational programming was delivered during the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years to be an extenuating circumstance that justifies the pupil transferring schools. For purposes of this paragraph, the “method by which educational programming was delivered” includes virtual instruction, in-person instruction, or a combination of virtual and in-person instruction.

(b) If a waiver is granted based on the extenuating circumstance described in par. (a), allows the pupil to participate in all levels of competition, including varsity competition, during the 2021-22 school year.

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