

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 161

Short Title: Test High School Athletes for Steroids. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Forrester; Brunstetter and Goodall.

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Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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1                                   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT RULES  
3     REQUIRING RANDOM TESTING OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN  
4     INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES FOR PERFORMANCE  
5     ENHANCING DRUGS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7                   **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-12(23) reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 115C-12. Powers and duties of the Board generally.**

9     The general supervision and administration of the free public school system shall be  
10  vested in the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall establish  
11  policy for the system of free public schools, subject to laws enacted by the General  
12  Assembly. The powers and duties of the State Board of Education are defined as  
13  follows:

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15           (23) Power and Duty to Adopt Eligibility Rules for Interscholastic Athletic  
16                   Competition. – The State Board of Education may adopt rules  
17                   governing interscholastic athletic activities conducted by local boards  
18                   of education, including eligibility for student participation. The State  
19                   Board of Education may authorize a designated organization to apply  
20                   and enforce the Board's rules governing participation in interscholastic  
21                   athletic activities at the high school level.

22                   Prior to the 2007-2008 school year, the State Board of Education  
23                   shall adopt rules that (i) prohibit the use of performance enhancing  
24                   drugs, including anabolic steroids, by students participating in  
25                   interscholastic athletic activities, (ii) require random testing for these  
26                   drugs of students who participate in interscholastic athletic activities,  
27                   and (iii) ban participation in interscholastic athletic activities by  
28                   students who refuse to be tested or test positive for prohibited drugs."

29           **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.