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**S 259. INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS.** Filed 2/19/09. *PERMITTING STUDENTS WHO ATTEND A PUBLIC SCHOOL, PRIVATE SCHOOL, HOME SCHOOL, OR CHARTER SCHOOL WITHOUT AN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS PROGRAM IN A GIVEN SPORT TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT SPORT AT A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.*

Amends GS 115C-12 to require the rules adopted by the State Board of Education governing interscholastic athletic activities conducted by local boards of education provide that (1) a public high school that does not have an interscholastic athletics program in a given sport may participate in that sport at the high school closest to the student's school that has a program in that sport; and (2) a private school, home school, or charter school that does not have an interscholastic athletics program in a given sport may participate in that sport at the base public high school for the student's address; if the student's base school does not have a program for that sport, the student may participate in the sport at a public high school closest to the student's base school that has a program in that sport. Participation at another school is subject to the terms and conditions that apply to a regularly enrolled member of that school's student body. Applies beginning with the 2009-10 school year.

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