

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2025 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 255**

By Senator Grady

[Introduced February 12, 2025; referred  
to the Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,  
2 designated §18-2-25f, relating to allowing students to participate in non-school athletic  
3 activities.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

## **ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **§18-2-25f. Participation in non-school athletic activities.**

1 The Legislature hereby finds that:

2 (1) While participation in school sponsored extracurricular sports is a voluntary opportunity,  
3 no student-athlete should be deprived of additional opportunities to advance or showcase their  
4 skills purely because they are playing for a school sports team;

5 (2) Prohibiting a student-athlete from participating in non-school sponsored events or  
6 activities as a condition for participation on a school-sponsored team is unlawfully arbitrary and is  
7 not rationally related to a state purpose; and

8 (3) A county board of education and the West Virginia Secondary School Activities  
9 Commission may not restrict nor prohibit a student from competing in non-school events or  
10 participating on non-school competitive teams as a condition of playing for a school extracurricular  
11 activity or sport.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow student-athletes to participate in competitive events and activities while playing for their school.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.