



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Permits school districts and chartered nonpublic schools to excuse from high school physical education students who play rugby in a school club for two full seasons.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill permits each school district board and chartered nonpublic school governing authority to excuse a student from the high school physical education requirement ($\frac{1}{2}$ unit, consisting of 120 hours of instruction) if the student participates in a school-sponsored rugby club played as a team sport for at least two seasons during high school.¹

Under current law, a school district board or chartered nonpublic school governing authority may adopt a policy under which it may excuse from high school physical education students who, during high school, participate in (1) interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading for at least two full seasons or (2) Junior ROTC for two full school years. If the board or authority adopts such a policy, it may not require the student to complete any physical education course as a condition to graduate from high school. However, the student must complete $\frac{1}{2}$ unit of at least 60 hours of instruction in another course of study. The bill includes team rugby as a waivable activity with the same requirements. Finally, as with interscholastic athletics, marching band, cheerleading, and Junior ROTC under current law, it is unclear whether this provision would apply to community schools.

¹ R.C. 3313.603(A)(2), (B)(4), (C)(4), and (L).

HISTORY

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