

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 SB1577

Introduced 2/13/2013, by Sen. Chapin Rose

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.55 new 105 ILCS 5/34-18.48 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that if a student athlete has not met practice requirements for a high school sport due to the student's involvement in military training, then a waiver to participate in play in the regular season for that sport may be granted by the school board. Sets forth the waiver process. Provides for immunity from any liability for a coach, athletic director, school, school board, and school district with respect to the granting of a waiver. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Sections 10-20.55 and 34-18.48 as follows:
- 6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.55 new)
- 7 Sec. 10-20.55. Military training athletic waiver. If a student athlete has not met practice requirements for a high 8 9 school sport due to the student's involvement in military 10 training, then a waiver to participate in play in the regular season for that sport may be granted by the school board. Under 11 12 this waiver process, the student may apply for the waiver with his or her respective coach or athletic director, and the coach 13 14 or athletic director shall review the waiver and make a recommendation to the school board on whether to grant or deny 15 16 the waiver. Except for an act of willful or wanton misconduct, 17 a coach, athletic director, school, school board, and school district shall have immunity from any liability, whether civil 18 19 or criminal or that otherwise might result from the granting of
- 21 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.48 new)

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Sec. 34-18.48. Military training athletic waiver. If a

a waiver, and the waiver shall acknowledge that fact.

1 student athlete has not met practice requirements for a high school sport due to the student's involvement in military 2 3 training, then a waiver to participate in play in the regular 4 season for that sport may be granted by the board. Under this 5 waiver process, the student may apply for the waiver with his 6 or her respective coach or athletic director, and the coach or 7 athletic director shall review the waiver and make a 8 recommendation to the school board on whether to grant or deny 9 the waiver. Except for an act of willful or wanton misconduct, a coach, an athletic director, a school, the board, and the 10 11 school district shall have immunity from any liability, whether 12 civil or criminal or that otherwise might result from the 13 granting of a waiver, and the waiver shall acknowledge that 14 fact.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.