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SENATE BILL NO. 842

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-276.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to high school student athletes; eligibility; enrollment.

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Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-276.3 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-276.3. Eligibility of students to compete in athletic competitions.

Any nonprofit corporation founded in Virginia in 1913 that currently organizes and governs interscholastic activities among the public high schools shall develop, implement, and enforce rules requiring that a student who is a member of a *high* school athletic team be:

1. *Be* ineligible for two school years to compete in interscholastic athletic competition, if it has been determined by the school principal and division superintendent that the student used anabolic steroids during the training period immediately preceding or during the sport season of the athletic team, unless such steroid was prescribed by a licensed physician for a medical condition; *and*

2. *Be deemed to satisfy any residency requirements established by such corporation in order to be eligible for participation on such team if the student is duly enrolled in the high school at which he is a member of the athletic team.*

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