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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) currently has the authority to restrict eligible student-athletes from transferring schools, and a policy change is being sought to eliminate IHSA's authority on this matter; this policy change would prioritize academic and jurisdictional requirements as the sole determinants of eligibility; and

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WHEREAS, By focusing on objective criteria such as academic standing and school location, this new policy intends to minimize bureaucratic hurdles for transferring student-athletes by aiming to streamline the transfer process and reduce unnecessary delays or complications; and

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WHEREAS, Abolishing IHSA's current discretionary power over transfers will reduce the potential for subjective or biased decisions that unfairly disadvantage certain student-athletes; and

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WHEREAS, Through terminating transfer restrictions, these talented student-athletes are empowered with greater autonomy, agency, and flexibility in choosing the best educational and athletic paths for themselves based on their individual needs and aspirations, thereby fostering personal growth and

1 development; and

2 WHEREAS, Removing arbitrary limitations on transfer  
3 numbers will mirror the recent National Collegiate Athletic  
4 Association (NCAA) rule change that Illinois initially  
5 opposed; in following the NCAA's lead on transfer rules,  
6 Illinois will become more aligned with national trends as this  
7 policy change will also encourage consistency and simplify the  
8 landscape for student-athletes navigating both high school and  
9 collegiate athletics; and

10 WHEREAS, By eliminating unnecessary restrictions and  
11 prioritizing student-athlete agency, this policy change aims  
12 to create a more equitable and flexible system for  
13 student-athletes in Illinois, allowing them to pursue their  
14 educational and athletic goals without undue obstacles;  
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
17 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we urge the elimination of the Illinois High School  
19 Association's (IHSA) authority to restrict eligible  
20 student-athletes from transferring schools; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy be delivered to the  
22 Illinois High School Association.