

HOUSE BILL 2: Entry Fees for Interscholastic Sports Events.

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House

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Analysis of: Second Edition
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OVERVIEW: The 2nd edition of House Bill 2 would require public school units to accept cash for admission to any middle or high school athletic event.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 115C-12(23) and Article 29E of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes require the SBE to establish rules governing interscholastic athletic activities. Additionally, Article 29E establishes other requirements that public school units must follow when participating in interscholastic athletic activities.

G.S. 115C-445 requires schools to deposit any taxes or other moneys daily. However, the local board of education can authorize deposits to be made less frequently when the moneys on hand are \$1,500 or less, but in any event a deposit must be made on the last business day of the month.

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would require public school units to accept cash as a form of payment for admissions to high school and middle school interscholastic athletic activities. The governing body of the public school unit would be authorized to adopt a policy allowing any cash accepted at these athletic activities to be deposited the next business day. The policy would be required to include procedures for handling the cash prior to deposit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would be effective when it becomes law and would apply beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

