

# High School Student Athletes and Anabolic Steroids

This Act directs organizations which organize and govern public high school interscholastic activities to establish rules requiring that, upon disclosure, a public school student athlete who uses anabolic steroids during the training period immediately preceding or during the sport season of the school athletic team on which he is a member be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletic competition for two years, unless the steroid was prescribed by a licensed physician for a medical condition. Student use of anabolic steroids during the training period immediately preceding or during the sport season of the school is required to be reported, unless the steroid was prescribed by a licensed physician for a medical condition. The bill also requires the state board of education to suspend or revoke the administrative or teaching license of any person who knowingly and willfully with the intent to compromise the outcome of an athletic competition procures, sells, or administers anabolic steroids or causes these drugs to be procured, sold, or administered to students, or by failing to report student use of anabolic steroids.

Submitted as:

Virginia

Chapter 481

Status: Enacted into law in 2005.

## Suggested State Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

1           Section 1. [*Short Title.*] This Act may be cited as “An Act Relating to Ineligibility of  
2 Students to Compete in Athletic Competitions.”

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4           Section 2. [*Ineligibility of Students to Compete in Athletic Competitions.*] Any nonprofit  
5 corporation founded in this state that currently organizes and governs interscholastic activities  
6 among the public high schools shall develop, implement, and enforce rules requiring that a  
7 student who is a member of a school athletic team be ineligible for two school years to compete  
8 in interscholastic athletic competition, if it has been determined by the school principal and  
9 division superintendent that the student used anabolic steroids during the training period  
10 immediately preceding or during the sport season of the athletic team, unless such steroid was  
11 prescribed by a licensed physician for a medical condition.

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13           Section 3. [*Suspension or Revocation of License for Procuring, Selling, or Administering*  
14 *Anabolic Steroids.*]

15           A. The [Board of Education] shall suspend or revoke the administrative or teaching  
16 license it has issued to any person who knowingly and willfully with the intent to compromise  
17 the outcome of an athletic competition procures, sells, or administers anabolic steroids or causes  
18 such drugs to be procured, sold, or administered to a student who is a member of a school  
19 athletic team, or fails to report the use of such drugs by a student to the school principal and  
20 division superintendent as required by [insert citation]. Any person whose administrative or  
21 teaching license is suspended or revoked by the [Board] pursuant to this section shall be  
22 ineligible for [three school years] for employment in the public schools of this state.

23           B. Any suspension or revocation imposed in accordance with this section shall be  
24 rendered pursuant to [Board] regulations promulgated pursuant to the [state Administrative  
25 Process Act] and [insert citation] governing the licensure of teachers.

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27           Section 4. [*Severability.*] [Insert severability clause.]

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29           Section 5. [*Repealer.*] [Insert repealer clause.]

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31           Section 6. [*Effective Date.*] [Insert effective date.]