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**I am in Support of this Bill. There needs to be discussions in the fairness of the State Playoff System with Public Vs. Private Schools, who can recruit.**



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A main pillar point of education is striving for equality and equal opportunity. Middle and high school sports in Missouri are governed by the MSHSAA. Their most recent handbook is 164 pages long, and it includes all of the rules, guidelines, and regulations for all sports and activities that their members must abide by. For example, rules are set for things like age limits, practice dates, heat and safety regulations, attendance boundaries, etc. All of those rules are set for equality for its members. One thing that is in the handbook, but is not leading to equality for members is the attendance boundaries for public schools vs private/parochial schools. Public schools are bound to their attendance boundary; for example the Afton school district is just under 6, Central R3 in Park Hills is just under 50, Fox C6 is just under 75, and even a bigger, more spread out district like Northwest R1 (Cedar Hill) is right around 125 (all of these numbers in square miles). Private/parochial schools are also held to a boundary, however theirs is a 25 mile radius which is almost 2000 square miles. This even extends into neighboring states, allowing students who live in another state to attend school and compete against Missouri students. Obviously having such a huge boundary creates an unfair advantage that public schools can't come close to matching. There are other issues, as far as public schools have to accept everyone who resides in their district, while private/parochial can choose who they accept, public schools can't give compensation to their athletes while private/parochial can have their tuition paid for by an outside group or person, etc. I am in favor of HB 11273. I would support this being an amendment to a bill such as HB 711 or 712. Thank you for all you do.



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I have raised four kids, and I understand, as do many of you, that there are times when we must be careful who we let our kids play with. Unfortunately, there are some kids out there who would be such a bad influence on our own kids that we don't let them play together. But I never would have imagined the State would have such an attitude toward the students of private schools! If a student athletic association chooses to allow students from a private school to participate the state is saying we'll take our ball (literally) and go home. We would rather forfeit our kids' opportunity to play with students who have a little stronger religious affection, or differing learning style, (or whatever purpose for which they are in a private school) because we believe they would be a bad influence on our kids....What are you afraid of? Are you afraid that private school students will be more mature and better behaved than public school students and make the kids from public schools look bad? Are you afraid that their religious affections might rub off on the public school kids? Or are you just trying to create more stigma and prejudice in the minds of public school students against those who attend a private school? I really don't know the reason for this attempted discrimination, but it reminds me of the segregation of our nation's past when the kids from the black school weren't allowed to play with the kids from the white school. In case you haven't noticed, I believe this is a terrible piece of legislation and it should be sent straight to the shredder, but a vote of "Do NOT Pass" will suffice.



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