

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Bill Instruction Sheet



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Bill No: _____ Committee: _____

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Passed by: ☐ Committee ☐ House ☐ Senate ☐ Governor

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Other: _____

Simple Title of Bill: Bill

1 BILL

2 **70TH SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2017**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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7 AN ACT

8 **Relating to public and private schools; Prohibiting athletic practices during school**

9 **holidays, closures, and breaks.**

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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW

12 MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

13 The department shall prohibit k-12 public and private schools from requiring athletic

14 practices during official school holidays, closures, and breaks. A public or private school

15 that fails to meet these minimum requirements shall have a three game

1 suspension from any athletic events. The purpose for this bill is to allow students to spend
2 much needed time with their families. It also serves to give the students a much needed
3 break from the stress that occurs during the regular school year. These breaks will allow
4 the students time off to decompress and build up the endurance necessary to perform to
5 the best of their ability when they return to their normal schedule. Time spent with their
6 families gives them an opportunity to bond and build stronger relationships. Family time
7 also builds confidence among the student which could impact his/her performance in not
8 only athletics but also in academics. Students can benefit from a strong relationship with
9 the people around them because they sense that they are valued which gives them the
10 confidence to pursue their goals. Athletics is important because it gives students the
11 opportunity to be focused on something other than their school work, but a balance must
12 also be achieved to maintain a healthy mind and body. Finding this balance is crucial in
13 order to teach the students necessary life skills that will impact them for the rest of their
14 lives. If these goals are not met it will only make it more difficult for the student to deal with
15 stress and reach their full potential.

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17 All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the Constitution of the State of New
18 Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed.

19 Delayed Start - Update the date to reflect your bills start date.

20 The provisions of this act shall be effective on and after August 1, 2018.