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SYNOPSIS

Requires school districts to allow home-schooled students to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular activities in the student's resident district.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the participation of certain students in
2 extracurricular activities and supplementing chapter 42 of Title
3 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. A board of education shall permit a home-schooled
9 student to try out for, and participate in, any school-sponsored
10 extracurricular activity including, but not limited to, clubs, musical
11 ensembles, Statewide interscholastic sports programs, and theatrical
12 productions in the student's district of residence in accordance with
13 the same criteria established for students enrolled in the district. A
14 home-schooled student who wishes to participate in an
15 extracurricular activity in his resident district shall:

- 16 (1) provide proof that he resides in the district;
17 (2) meet the eligibility and try out criteria for participation in
18 the activity; and
19 (3) comply with all policies, rules, and regulations of the
20 governing organization of the extracurricular activity.

21 b. In the event that the extracurricular activity is interscholastic
22 athletics, the student shall demonstrate to the board of education
23 that he did not transfer to a home-school program for athletic
24 advantage. A student who withdraws from a public school to enroll
25 in a home-school program and who is ineligible to participate in
26 interscholastic athletics at the time of withdrawal from the public
27 school due to his failure to meet academic, behavioral, or eligibility
28 standards, shall be ineligible to compete in interscholastic athletic
29 competition.

30 c. If the school-sponsored extracurricular activity requires the
31 completion of a physical examination or medical test as a condition
32 of participation and the school district of residence offers the
33 requisite examination or test to the students enrolled in the school
34 district, the school district shall permit a home-schooled student to
35 access the examination or test and shall publish the dates and times
36 of the examination or test on its website.

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38 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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41 STATEMENT
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43 This bill requires school districts to allow home-schooled
44 students to participate in any school-sponsored extracurricular
45 activity including, but not limited to, clubs, musical ensembles,
46 Statewide interscholastic sports programs, and theatrical
47 productions in the student's district of residence in accordance with
48 the same criteria established for students enrolled in the district.

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1 Under the bill, a home-schooled student who wishes to
2 participate in an extracurricular activity in his resident district must:

3 (1) provide proof that he resides in the district;

4 (2) meet the eligibility and try out criteria for participation in
5 the activity; and

6 (3) comply with all policies, rules, and regulations of the
7 governing organization of the extracurricular activity.

8 In the event that the extracurricular activity involves
9 participation in interscholastic athletics, the student must
10 demonstrate to the board of education that he did not transfer to a
11 home-school program for athletic advantage.

12 Under the bill, if the extracurricular activity requires the
13 completion of a physical examination or medical test as a condition
14 of participation and the school district of residence offers the
15 examination or test to the students enrolled in the school district,
16 then the school district is required to allow a home-schooled student
17 to access the examination or test and must publish the dates and
18 times of the examination or test on its website.