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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1474

By: Representative Lowery

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-509(b)(4), concerning the definition of "parent", is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Parent" is a:

(A) ~~legal~~ Legal guardian; or

(B) ~~or legal~~ Legal custodian;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-509(c), concerning the school where a home-schooled student participates in an interscholastic activity, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1)(A) A Except as provided in subdivision (c)(2) of this section,  
a home-schooled student shall not participate in interscholastic activities at a public school other than the student's resident school.

(B) A home-schooled student may participate in interscholastic activities at a public school other than the home-schooled student's resident public school by mutual agreement between the resident public school and any other public school where the home-schooled student



wishes to participate.

(2) A home-schooled student approved under subdivision (c)(1)(B) of this section to participate in interscholastic activities at a public school other than the home-schooled student's resident public school may begin participating:

(A) In an interscholastic activity that is not an athletic activity immediately upon being approved to participate; and

(B)(i)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(2)(B)(ii) of this section, in an interscholastic activity that is an athletic activity one (1) calendar year after being approved to participate.

(b) A home-schooled student under subdivision (c)(2)(B)(i)(a) of this section may immediately participate in rehearsals, tryouts, practices, auditions, classes, or other endeavors associated with the interscholastic activity that is an athletic activity.

(ii) A home-schooled student may begin participating in an interscholastic activity that is an athletic activity immediately upon being approved to participate if the home-schooled student is approved to participate by July 1 of the school year the home-schooled student will be enrolled in grade seven (7).

(3) A home-schooled student shall not participate in interscholastic activities at more than one (1) public school at the same time.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-15-509, concerning the participation of home-schooled students in interscholastic activities, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(i)(1) A public school shall provide a reasonable alternative to any prerequisite for eligibility to participate in an interscholastic activity that the home-schooled student is unable to meet because of his or her enrollment in a home school.

(2) The alternative under subdivision (i)(1) of this section shall provide the home-schooled student with the same opportunity to participate in an interscholastic activity as a public school student.

/s/Lowery

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