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HOUSE BILL 1508

By: Representative A. Davis

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING A HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN AN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITY AT A PRIVATE SCHOOL; TO ALLOW A HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENT APPROVED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITY AT A PRIVATE SCHOOL TO BEGIN PARTICIPATING IN AN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITY IMMEDIATELY UPON BEING APPROVED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW A HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENT APPROVED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITY AT A PRIVATE SCHOOL TO BEGIN PARTICIPATING IN AN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITY IMMEDIATELY UPON BEING APPROVED.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-510(e) and (f), concerning home-schooled students participating in interscholastic activities at private schools, is amended to read as follows:

(e)(1) A student who withdraws from an Arkansas Activities Association member school to be home schooled shall not participate in an interscholastic activity in ~~the~~ a private school for a minimum of three hundred sixty-five (365) days after the student withdraws from the member school.

(2) A student who has not withdrawn from an Arkansas Activities Association member school to become homeschooled may begin participating in an interscholastic activity in a private school immediately upon being



approved to participate.

(f)(1) A home-schooled student approved under subsection (b) of this section to participate in interscholastic activities at a private school may begin participating+

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

~~(B)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (f)(2) of this section, in an interscholastic activity that is an athletic activity three hundred sixty five (365) days after being approved to participate.~~

~~(ii) A home-schooled student under subdivision (f)(1)(B)(i) 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.~~

~~(2) A home-schooled student may begin participating in an interscholastic activity that is an athletic activity immediately upon being approved to participate by July 1 of the school year the home-schooled student will be participating in the interscholastic activity enrolled in~~

~~(A) Grade seven (7); or~~

~~(B) A grade that is the lowest grade offered by the private school.~~

(2) A home-schooled student approved under subsection (b) 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.

(3) If an interscholastic activity is not an athletic activity, a home-schooled student approved under subsection (b) of this section to participate in interscholastic activities at a private school may begin participating in the interscholastic activities that are not athletic activities immediately upon being approved to participate.

/s/A. Davis

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