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A Bill

SENATE BILL 547

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING A HOMESCHOOLED STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES AT PRIVATE SCHOOLS; TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT A HOMESCHOOLED STUDENT LIVE WITHIN A CERTAIN RADIUS OF A PRIVATE SCHOOL FOR PURPOSES OF PARTICIPATING IN AN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT A HOMESCHOOLED STUDENT LIVE WITHIN A CERTAIN RADIUS OF A PRIVATE SCHOOL FOR PURPOSES OF PARTICIPATING IN AN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-510(b), concerning a homeschooled student's participation in an interscholastic activity at a private school, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A private school may approve a homeschooled student to participate in an interscholastic activity if+

~~(1)~~ The the homeschooled student or his or her parent notifies the administrative head of the private school in writing:

~~(A)(1)~~ Of the homeschooled student's request to participate in the interscholastic activity before the signup, tryout, or participation deadlines established for students enrolled in the private school; and



~~(B)(2)~~ That the homeschooled student has demonstrated academic eligibility by obtaining:

~~(i)(A)~~ A minimum test score of the thirtieth percentile on the Stanford Achievement Test Series, Tenth Edition, or another nationally recognized norm-referenced test in the previous twelve (12) months; or

~~(ii)(B)~~ A minimum score on a test approved by the State Board of Education; ~~and~~

~~(2) The homeschooled student lives within a twenty five mile radius of the private school.~~

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