

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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HOUSE BILL 1430

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF HOMESCHOOLED STUDENTS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES; TO ALLOW A HOMESCHOOLED STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL OTHER THAN HIS OR HER RESIDENT SCHOOL IF THE RESIDENT SCHOOL DOES NOT OFFER THE INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITY; TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT HOMESCHOOLED STUDENTS BE AT SCHOOL FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND CERTAIN LAWS RELATING TO THE PARTICIPATION OF HOMESCHOOLED STUDENTS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-509(c)(1)(B), concerning a homeschooled student participating in interscholastic activities at a public school other than the student's resident school, is amended to read as follows:

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



(ii) Approval by the resident school as required under subdivision (c)(1)(B)(i) of this section is not required if the interscholastic activity in which the homeschooled student intends to participate is not offered by the resident school.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-509(g), concerning a homeschooled student participating in interscholastic activities at a public school, is amended to read as follows:

(g) A ~~home-schooled~~ homeschooled student who participates in an interscholastic activity may be:

(1) Required by the public school district superintendent to be at school ~~not more than~~ only one (1) period per school day when participation in the interscholastic activity in which he or she participates does not require the student to be at the public school one (1) or more periods per school day;
and

(2) Transported by the resident school district to and from interscholastic activities as the resident school district transports other students who are enrolled in the resident school.

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

(j) An entity that is not statutorily created shall not impose additional criteria or requirements on a homeschooled student to participate in an interscholastic activity beyond what is provided by this section.

/s/Lowery