

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law prohibits a public school from disqualifying a student who lives in the school's attendance zone from participating in extracurricular activities or interscholastic athletics solely because he is enrolled in an approved home study program. Subjects such students to the same requirements that apply to those who attend the school relative to trying out for participation, maintaining a minimum GPA, and complying with disciplinary standards.

New law extends allowance for participation to include virtual school students as defined by existing law (R.S. 17:236.3), which includes virtual charter schools.

Existing law prohibits a public school from being a member of, or participating in any competition sponsored by, any interscholastic extracurricular athletic association or organization that denies eligibility to a student solely on the basis of his enrollment in an approved home study program. New law extends prohibition on certain affiliations with an association or organization that denies eligibility to a student solely on the basis of his enrollment in a virtual school.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 17:176.2)