
DIGEST

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HB 644 Reengrossed

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Dickerson

Abstract: Authorizes home study students to participate in public school activities at the public school they would otherwise attend based on their residence and prohibits schools from being members of, or participating in competition sponsored by, certain athletic associations.

Proposed law provides that students enrolled in home study programs may try out for and participate in public school activities at the public school they would otherwise attend based on their residence, including but not limited to extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics.

Proposed law further prohibits each public school or nonpublic school that receives public funds from being a member of, or participating in any competition sponsored by, any interscholastic extracurricular athletic association or organization that does not do both of the following:

- (1) Provide a written notice that identifies the specific rule violated by any public school, nonpublic school, or student athlete.
- (2) Provide public schools, nonpublic schools, and student athletes with the ability to view or otherwise assess the documents and evidence relied upon by such association or organization to make an eligibility ruling or issue a rules infraction.

Provides that the requirements provided in (1) and (2) above shall be applicable to final decisions issued regarding student athlete eligibility or an alleged violation of the rules issued by such association or organization.

(Adds R.S. 17:176.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Add that participation authorized by proposed law is limited to the student's resident school district.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Provide that participation authorized by proposed law is limited to the public school the student would otherwise attend based on his residence rather than to his resident school

district.

2. Prohibit schools from being members of, or participating in competition sponsored by, certain athletic associations.