

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 644

BY REPRESENTATIVES DICKERSON, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, BUTLER, CARVER,  
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1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:176.2, relative to students enrolled in home study programs; to authorize  
3 students enrolled in home study programs to participate in public school activities  
4 at the public school they would otherwise attend based on their residence; to specify  
5 that such activities include extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics; and  
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:176.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §176.2. Extracurricular activities; interscholastic athletics; participation by home  
10 study students

11 A. A public school shall not disqualify a student from participating in  
12 extracurricular activities or interscholastic athletics solely because the student is  
13 enrolled in an approved home study program, so long as the student lives in the  
14 attendance zone of the public school.

15 (1) A student who is enrolled in an approved home study program shall try  
16 out or apply for extracurricular activities or interscholastic athletics at the public  
17 school in the same manner, time, and place as the students who attend the public  
18 school.

19 (2) After the try out or application, should the approved home study student  
20 meet the qualifications for an extracurricular activities club or an interscholastic  
21 athletics team, the approved home study student shall be required to maintain all

1           requirements for participation that a public school student would have to meet in  
 2           order to participate in the extracurricular activity or the interscholastic athletics  
 3           activity, including but not limited to maintaining a minimum grade point average and  
 4           complying with disciplinary standards. Failure to meet the requirements with respect  
 5           to a minimum grade point average or failure to adhere to the disciplinary standards  
 6           shall be grounds for the school to remove the approved home study student from  
 7           participation in the extracurricular activities club or the interscholastic athletics team.

8           B. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, no public school may be  
 9           a member of, or participate in any competition sponsored by any interscholastic  
 10          extracurricular athletic association or organization that denies eligibility to a student  
 11          solely on the basis of the student's enrollment in an approved home study program.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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