

By: Senator(s) Hall

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2046

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN
2 PUBLIC SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS;
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF
4 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
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6 SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Home school students" are those children taught by
8 private teachers, parents, guardians or custodians in a legitimate
9 home instruction program as defined in the Mississippi Compulsory
10 School Attendance Law, Section 37-13-91, Mississippi Code of 1972.

11 (b) "Interscholastic activities" includes, but is not
12 limited to, athletics, music, speech and other related activities
13 provided in an accredited public school.

14 (2) Home school students shall not be denied by a public
15 school district the opportunity to participate in all
16 interscholastic activities if the student fulfills the following
17 conditions:

18 (a) The student's home instruction program must be in
19 compliance with Section 37-13-91(3)(c), Mississippi Code of 1972,
20 and the student shall provide the school administration with a
21 copy of the certificate of enrollment as evidence thereof.

22 (b) The student must meet all school district
23 eligibility requirements with the exception of any class
24 requirements of the voluntary association administering
25 interscholastic activities.

26 (c) The parent, guardian or custodian of a home school
27 student must certify that the student be making academic progress

28 consistent with academic eligibility standards for students in the
29 public school. Report cards or transcripts indicating academic
30 performance, with supportive documentation, shall be a sufficient
31 basis upon which such certification may be made.

32 (d) The home school student shall be required to
33 fulfill the same responsibilities and standards of behavior and
34 performance, including related class or practice requirements, of
35 other students participating in the interscholastic activity of
36 the team or squad and shall be required to meet the same standards
37 for acceptance on the team or squad.

38 (e) A home school student participating in
39 interscholastic activities must reside within the attendance
40 boundaries of the school for which the student participates.

41 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
42 and after its passage.