

By: Representative Parker

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 670

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN
2 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS;
3 TO REQUIRE THOSE STUDENTS TO ADHERE TO THE SAME RULES AND
4 REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR
5 ACTIVITIES BY STUDENTS IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO AUTHORIZE
6 THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS
7 GOVERNING POLICIES IMPLEMENTED BY LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS PERMITTING
8 THE PARTICIPATION OF HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS IN EXTRACURRICULAR
9 ACTIVITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

11 **SECTION 1.** (1) A student who is being educated in a
12 legitimate home instruction program, as defined under the
13 Mississippi Compulsory School Attendance Law (Section 37-13-91),
14 may participate in any extracurricular activities available to
15 students in the home schooled student's grade in the local school
16 of the school district where that student resides. Upon the
17 request of the home schooled student's parent, guardian or legal
18 custodian, the local school board shall register the student in a
19 public school for purposes of participating in an extracurricular
20 activity or activities. The home schooled student must reside
21 within the attendance boundaries of the school in which the
22 student is seeking registration and must submit the request for
23 registration before the deadline established by the local district
24 for participation in the extracurricular activity in the following
25 school year. As used in this section, the term "extracurricular"
26 means any school-authorized or education-related activity
27 occurring during or outside the regular instructional school day
28 including, but not limited to, academic teams, athletics, art,
29 band, choir, honor societies, music and theatre.



30 (2) A home schooled student participating in any
31 extracurricular activities available, that student and his or her
32 parents shall adhere to the same rules and regulations adopted by
33 the local school board governing participation in those activities
34 by students in the local school. Each local school board shall
35 adopt a policy governing home schooled student participation in
36 extracurricular activities, which policy must conform to any rules
37 and regulations adopted by the State Board of Education under
38 subsection (3) of this section.

39 (3) The State Board of Education may promulgate any rules and
40 regulations as it may deem necessary to promote consistency of
41 policies implemented by local school boards throughout the state
42 permitting home schooled students to participate in
43 extracurricular activities as provided under subsections (1) and
44 (2) of this section.

45 (4) This section may not be construed to require any home
46 schooled student to register with a school district for
47 extracurricular activity purposes.

48 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
49 and after July 1, 2009.

