

By: Representatives Johnson (87th), Criswell To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1060

1 AN ACT ENTITLED THE "TIM TEBOW ACT"; TO AUTHORIZE
2 INTERSCHOLASTIC EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION OF STUDENTS
3 ENROLLED IN HOMESCHOOLS; TO DEFINE "HOMESCHOOL" AND
4 "INTERSCHOLASTIC EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY"; TO IDENTIFY THE
5 CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A HOMESCHOOL MAY
6 PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES; TO
7 PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST HOMESCHOOL STUDENT SELECTION OR
8 PARTICIPATION IN SUCH ACTIVITIES; TO SPECIFY WAITING PERIOD FOR
9 PARTICIPATION WHEN A STUDENT TRANSFERS FROM A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO A
10 HOMESCHOOL; TO PROVIDE THAT PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR
11 ACTIVITY IS A PRIVILEGE AND NOT A RIGHT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this section unless the context
14 requires otherwise:

15 (a) "Homeschool" means any school other than a public
16 school or accredited private school in which one or more children
17 receive full-time supervised academic instruction from a parent,
18 legal guardian, tutor, group or designated individual.

19 (b) "Interscholastic extracurricular activity" means
20 participation in a school-authorized band or sports team practice
21 or competition.



22 (2) (a) A student enrolled in a homeschool is eligible to
23 participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities
24 sponsored by or engaged in by the public school to which the
25 student would be assigned according to district school board
26 attendance policies or which the student could choose to attend
27 pursuant to district open enrollment provisions. A student
28 eligible under this section who is selected to participate in
29 extracurricular activities shall:

30 (i) Pay any participation or activity fee in an
31 amount equal to the fee charged to public school participants;

32 (ii) Adhere to the same standards of behavior,
33 responsibility, performance, and code of conduct as any other
34 participants in the extracurricular activity;

35 (iii) Adhere to the same academic achievements on
36 grade level as other participants;

37 (iv) Register with the school his or her intent to
38 participate in extracurricular activity as a representative of the
39 school before the beginning date of the semester for the activity
40 in which he or she wishes to participate; and

41 (v) Comply with the same physical examination,
42 immunization, insurance, age and semester eligibility requirements
43 as other students participating in the activity.

44 (b) A student who transfers from a public school to a
45 homeschool shall not participate on interscholastic



46 extracurricular teams until twelve (12) months after the date of
47 transfer.

48 (c) Transportation of the student to the public school
49 to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities is
50 the responsibility of the parent, guardian or student. The
51 student may use the same transportation as other students as long
52 as additional expenses are not incurred by the district.

53 (d) A public school shall not discriminate against a
54 student eligible under this section in the selection of
55 interscholastic extracurricular team members.

56 (e) A public school team or group shall not be impeded
57 from competing against any other public school team or group
58 solely because the public school team or group includes students
59 eligible under this section.

60 (3) Participation in an interscholastic extracurricular
61 activity is a privilege and not a right. Nothing in this act
62 shall be interpreted to create a cause of action on behalf of a
63 student against a public school or public school district official
64 or against an interscholastic extracurricular activities
65 association.

66 (4) This section may be cited as the "Tim Tebow Act."

67 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
68 and after July 1, 2016.

