

By: Representative Boyd (19th)

To: Education

## HOUSE BILL NO. 761

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM DENYING OR  
2 RESTRICTING STUDENTS WHO ATTEND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM  
3 PARTICIPATING IN COURSES AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT A  
4 PUBLIC SCHOOL; TO PRESCRIBE CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR  
5 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR  
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) A school district may not prohibit or  
9 restrict the ability of a student attending a nonpublic school, as  
10 defined in Section 37-13-91(2)(i), from participating in any  
11 public school courses, receiving any services offered by a public  
12 school or participating in extracurricular activities at a public  
13 school.

14 (2) Except as provided in subsections (1) and (3) of this  
15 section, a student attending a nonpublic school who participates  
16 in extracurricular activities at a public school is subject to:

17 (a) The same standards for participation as those  
18 required of full-time students enrolled in the school; and

19 (b) The same rules of any interscholastic organization  
20 of which the school of participation is a member.



21           (3) The academic eligibility for extracurricular  
22 participation for a student attending a nonpublic school must be  
23 attested by the administrator of the nonpublic school.

24           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
25 and after July 1, 2025.

