

By: Representative Baker (74th)

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 174

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN
2 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS;
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

22 (2) This section may not be construed to require any home
23 school student to register with a school district for
24 extracurricular activity purposes.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
26 and after July 1, 2007.

