

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2860

5 By: Representatives Kenney, Parks, Key  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW ALL NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS THE  
10 RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN SOME INDIVIDUAL  
11 INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 STUDENTS THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN  
16 SOME INDIVIDUAL INTERSCHOLASTIC  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. No public schools may participate in any individual  
24 interscholastic activities sponsored by the Arkansas Activities Association  
25 or any other private entity that Arkansas Activities Association contracts  
26 with, unless school age children who reside in the school district but are  
27 not enrolled in a public or private school that is a member of the Arkansas  
28 Activity Association school, are allowed to participate in the activity, if  
29 he or she:

30 (1)(A) Achieves a composite score of not less than the twenty-fifth  
31 (25<sup>th</sup>) percentile, on a nationally norm referenced achievement test  
32 administered according to the guidelines established by the testing company.

33 (B) The test score will be used to determine academic  
34 eligibility for one (1) calendar year from the date of the results;

35 (2) The parent or legal guardian, or the testing company submits the  
36 examination results to the Arkansas Activities Association; and



1           (3) Meets all age eligibility requirements and event guidelines  
2 established for students participating in the individual interscholastic  
3 activity, excluding any requirement that the student be enrolled in a public  
4 school.

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6           SECTION 2. (a) Participation authorized in Section 1, shall be  
7 limited to individual interscholastic activities including, but not limited  
8 to, the following:

9                     (1) Science fairs;

10                    (2) Chess competitions;

11                    (3) Math competitions;

12                    (4) Geography bees;

13                    (5) Spelling bees;

14                    (6) 4-H competitions; and

15                    (7) Any other individual academic competition.

16           (b) This section does not authorize participation in traditional  
17 sporting events such as football, basketball, baseball, cheerleading,  
18 volleyball, soccer, track and field, tennis, or golf, or group choir or band  
19 competitions.

20           SECTION 4. Students authorized by this act to compete in individual  
21 interscholastic activities, shall be eligible for all awards and honors given  
22 during the competition.

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24    /s/ Kenney, et al  
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