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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1474

5 By: Representative Lowery
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF HOME-SCHOOLED
9 STUDENTS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF HOME-
13 SCHOOLED STUDENTS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC
14 ACTIVITIES.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-509(b)(4), concerning the definition
22 of "parent", is amended to read as follows:

23 (4) "Parent" is a:

24 (A) ~~legal~~ Legal guardian; or

25 (B) ~~or legal~~ Legal custodian;
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27 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-509(c), concerning the school where a
28 home-schooled student participates in an interscholastic activity, is amended
29 to read as follows:

30 (c)(1)(A) A Except as provided in subdivision (c)(2) of this section,
31 a home-schooled student shall not participate in interscholastic activities
32 at a public school other than the student's resident school.

33 (B) A home-schooled student may participate in
34 interscholastic activities at a public school other than the home-schooled
35 student's resident public school by mutual agreement between the resident
36 public school and any other public school where the home-schooled student



1 wishes to participate.

2 (2) A home-schooled student approved under subdivision (c)(1)(B)
3 of this section to participate in interscholastic activities at a public
4 school other than the home-schooled student's resident public school may
5 begin participating:

6 (A) In an interscholastic activity that is not an athletic
7 activity immediately upon being approved to participate; and

8 (B)(i)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(2)(B)(ii)
9 of this section, in an interscholastic activity that is an athletic activity
10 one (1) calendar year after being approved to participate.

11 (b) A home-schooled student under subdivision
12 (c)(2)(B)(i)(a) of this section may immediately participate in rehearsals,
13 tryouts, practices, auditions, classes, or other endeavors associated with
14 the interscholastic activity that is an athletic activity.

15 (ii) A home-schooled student may begin participating
16 in an interscholastic activity that is an athletic activity immediately upon
17 being approved to participate if the home-schooled student is approved to
18 participate by July 1 of the school year the home-schooled student will be
19 enrolled in grade seven (7).

20 (3) A home-schooled student shall not participate in
21 interscholastic activities at more than one (1) public school at the same
22 time.

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24 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-15-509, concerning the participation of
25 home-schooled students in interscholastic activities, is amended to add an
26 additional subsection to read as follows:

27 (i)(1) A public school shall provide a reasonable alternative to any
28 prerequisite for eligibility to participate in an interscholastic activity
29 that the home-schooled student is unable to meet because of his or her
30 enrollment in a home school.

31 (2) The alternative under subdivision (i)(1) of this section
32 shall provide the home-schooled student with the same opportunity to
33 participate in an interscholastic activity as a public school student.

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35 /s/Lowery
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