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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1430

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF HOMESCHOOLED  
9 STUDENTS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES; TO ALLOW A  
10 HOMESCHOOLED STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN  
11 INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL OTHER  
12 THAN HIS OR HER RESIDENT SCHOOL IF THE RESIDENT  
13 SCHOOL DOES NOT OFFER THE INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITY;  
14 TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT HOMESCHOOLED STUDENTS  
15 BE AT SCHOOL FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME IN ORDER TO  
16 PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITY; AND FOR  
17 OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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20 TO AMEND CERTAIN LAWS RELATING TO THE  
21 PARTICIPATION OF HOMESCHOOLED STUDENTS IN  
22 INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES.  
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-509(c)(1)(B), concerning a  
29 homeschooled student participating in interscholastic activities at a public  
30 school other than the student's resident school, is amended to read as  
31 follows:

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



1                   (ii) Approval by the resident school as required  
2 under subdivision (c)(1)(B)(i) of this section is not required if the  
3 interscholastic activity in which the homeschooled student intends to  
4 participate is not offered by the resident school.

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6           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code §§ 6-15-509(g) and (h), concerning a  
7 homeschooled student participating in interscholastic activities at a public  
8 school, are amended to read as follows:

9           (g) A ~~home-schooled~~ homeschooled student who participates in an  
10 interscholastic activity ~~may be:~~

11                   (1) ~~Required~~ Shall not be required to be at school ~~not more than~~  
12 ~~one (1) period per school day~~ for any purpose not directly related to the  
13 interscholastic activity in which he or she participates; and

14                   (2) ~~Transported~~ May be transported by the resident school  
15 district to and from interscholastic activities as the resident school  
16 district transports other students who are enrolled in the resident school.

17           (h) A student who withdraws from an Arkansas Activities Association  
18 member school to be ~~home-schooled~~ homeschooled shall not participate in an  
19 interscholastic activity in the resident school district for a minimum of  
20 three hundred sixty-five (365) days after the student withdraws from the  
21 member school.

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

26                   (j) There shall be no additional criteria or requirements for a home-  
27 schooled student to participate in an interscholastic activity beyond what is  
28 provided by this section.