

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2860

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5 By: Representatives Kenney, Parks, Key

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.

Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO ALLOW ALL NONPUBLIC SCHOOL
16 STUDENTS THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN
17 SOME INDIVIDUAL INTERSCHOLASTIC
18 ACTIVITIES.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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 (25th) 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) Choir competitions;
- 11 (3) Band competitions;
- 12 (4) Chess competitions;
- 13 (3) Math competitions;
- 14 (4) Geography bees;
- 15 (5) Spelling bees;
- 16 (6) 4-H competitions; and
- 17 (7) Any other individual academic competition.

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

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