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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.

Subtitle

14 CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF HOME-
15 SCHOOLED STUDENTS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC
16 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;

25 (B) ~~or legal~~ Legal custodian; or

26 (C) Person authorized to provide a home school to a
27 student under this subchapter;

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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-509(c), concerning the school where a
30 home-schooled student participates in an interscholastic activity, is amended
31 to read as follows:

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

35 (B) A home-schooled student may participate in
36 interscholastic activities at a public school in a public school district



1 other than the home-schooled student's resident school district by mutual
2 agreement between the resident school district and the public school district
3 where the home-schooled student wishes to participate.

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

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

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

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

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

22 (a) Grade seven (7); or

23 (b) A grade that is the lowest grade offered
24 by the public school.

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

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

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

36 (2) The alternative under subdivision (i)(1) of this section

1 shall provide the home-schooled student with the same opportunity to
2 participate in an interscholastic activity as a public school student.

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