

1 AN ACT relating to interscholastic extracurricular activities.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) A student of a private school at home is eligible to participate in an*
6 *interscholastic extracurricular activity sponsored by or engaged in by the public*
7 *school to which the student would be assigned according to district school board*
8 *attendance policies or which the student could choose to attend pursuant to*
9 *district open enrollment provisions. A student eligible under this section who is*
10 *selected to participate in an interscholastic extracurricular activity shall:*

11 *(a) Pay any participation or activity fee in an amount equal to the fee charged*
12 *to public school participants;*

13 *(b) Adhere to the same standards of behavior, responsibility, performance, and*
14 *code of conduct as any other participants in the extracurricular activity;*

15 *(c) Adhere to the same academic standards as other participants, verified by*
16 *submission of quarterly scholarship reports provided to the public school*
17 *offering the extracurricular activity in which the student will participate;*

18 *(d) Register with the public school his or her intent to participate in*
19 *extracurricular activity as a representative of the public school before the*
20 *beginning date of the semester for the activity in which he or she wishes to*
21 *participate; and*

22 *(e) Comply with the same physical examination, immunization, insurance, age,*
23 *and semester eligibility requirements as other students participating in the*
24 *activity.*

25 *(2) A parent or teacher of a student of a private school at home participating in an*
26 *interscholastic extracurricular activity at a public school shall provide the*
27 *principal of the school an affidavit, on a schedule agreed to by the parent or*

1 teacher and principal, to verify that the student is passing his or her coursework
2 and progressing toward graduation.

3 (3) If a student fails to meet the public school's required academic standards,
4 withdraws from the public school, and enrolls in a private school at home, the
5 student shall be ineligible to participate in any interscholastic extracurricular
6 activity at the public school for the remainder of the school year.

7 (4) Transportation of a student of a private school at home to the public school to
8 participate in an interscholastic extracurricular activity is the responsibility of the
9 parent, guardian, or student. The student may use the same transportation as
10 other students if additional expenses are not incurred by the district.

11 (5) A public school shall not discriminate against a student eligible under this
12 section in the selection of interscholastic extracurricular team members.

13 (6) A public school team or group shall not be impeded from competing against any
14 other public school team or group solely because the public school team or group
15 includes students eligible under this section.