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100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DEATON.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 167, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the equal opportunity of home school students to participate in public school activities.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 167, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 167.045, to read as follows:

167.045. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Association", a statewide activities association that provides oversight for athletic or activity eligibility for students and school districts;

(2) "Home school", the same meaning given to the term in section 167.031.

2. Except as provided in subsection 5 of this section, a public school that participates in an activity sponsored by an association or allows student participation in a club, extracurricular activity, or sport that is authorized by the public school shall provide a student who attends a home school and who resides in the public school's attendance area with the opportunity to participate in the activity on behalf of the public school in the same manner that the public school provides the opportunity to participate to students enrolled in the public school.

3. A home school student who seeks to participate or who participates in an association activity or in a club, extracurricular activity, or sport that is authorized by the public school on behalf of a public school is subject to the relevant policies that apply to students enrolled in the public school, including policies regarding registration, age eligibility, fees, insurance, transportation, physical condition, qualifications, responsibilities, event schedules, standards of behavior, and performance.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **4. As a condition of participation by a home school student in an association**
19 **activity or in a club, extracurricular activity, or sport that is authorized by the public**
20 **school under this section, the individual who primarily provides instruction to the student**
21 **shall submit a written verification to the public school indicating whether the student is:**

- 22 **(1) Receiving a passing grade in each course or subject taught; and**
- 23 **(2) Maintaining satisfactory progress toward academic advancement or promotion.**

24 **5. A home school student is authorized by this section to participate in an**
25 **association activity or in a club, extracurricular activity, or sport that is authorized by the**
26 **public school only if the home school student has been exclusively home schooled for one**
27 **year prior to his or her participation. For purposes of this subsection, "exclusively home**
28 **schooled" means that the student attends a home school and is not enrolled in or attending**
29 **any public or private school.**

30 **6. An association or public school shall not prohibit a home school student from**
31 **participating in activities in the manner authorized by this section.**

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