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A Bill

SENATE BILL 303

5 By: Senator Dees
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW A RESIDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PERMIT
10 A PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN
11 INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITY AT THE RESIDENT SCHOOL
12 DISTRICT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 PERMIT A PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENT TO
18 PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERSCHOLASTIC
19 ACTIVITY AT THE RESIDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
20 UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 2, is amended
26 to add an additional section to read as follows:

27 6-18-237. Participation of private school students in interscholastic
28 activities at public schools – Definitions.

29 (a) As used in this section:

30 (1) “Athletic activity” means a varsity sport or another
31 competitive sports-related contest, game, event, or exhibition that involves
32 an individual student or teams of students either among schools within a
33 resident school district or between schools outside of the resident school
34 district;

35 (2) “Interscholastic activity” means an activity between schools
36 subject to rules of the Arkansas Activities Association that is:



1 (A) Outside the regular curriculum of a public school
2 district, including without limitation an athletic activity, a fine arts
3 program, or a special interest club or group; and

4 (B) Taught by an individual with a minimum of a high
5 school diploma;

6 (3) "Parent" means a parent, legal guardian, or person standing
7 in loco parentis to a child;

8 (4) "Private school" means a nonpublic elementary or secondary
9 school that is:

10 (A) A registered nonprofit; and

11 (B) Accredited or licensed by an accrediting association
12 recognized by the State Board of Education;

13 (5) "Resident school" is a public school to which a student
14 would be assigned by the student's resident school district; and

15 (6) "Resident school district" means a public school district in
16 which a private school student's parent resides as determined under § 6-18-
17 202.

18 (b) A resident school district may permit a private school student to
19 pursue participation in an interscholastic activity at the resident school
20 district if the private school in which the student is enrolled does not have
21 the interscholastic activity in which the private school student seeks to
22 participate approved by the Arkansas Activities Association.

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