
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- Participation in co-curricular activities by
5 home-schooled children. (a) A child who is home schooled in
6 accordance with section 302A-1132 shall be eligible to
7 participate in co-curricular activities at the public school
8 that the child would otherwise be required to attend. If a
9 home-schooled child wishes to participate in a co-curricular
10 activity, the following requirements shall be met prior to
11 participation:

12 (1) The child shall meet the participation requirements
13 and restrictions for that activity, including
14 maintaining appropriate grade point averages and
15 paying appropriate fees; provided that the
16 requirements or restrictions shall not be inconsistent
17 with this section; and



1 (2) The parent or guardian of the child shall provide the
2 principal of the public school that the child would
3 otherwise be required to attend with a notification of
4 intent to home school in a manner as determined by the
5 department and by the first day of each school year
6 for which the child intends to home school.

7 (b) The department shall adopt rules to effectuate this
8 section and to provide procedures by which a home-schooled child
9 may apply to participate in co-curricular activities. The
10 department may also adopt rules setting forth which programs
11 qualify as co-curricular activities under this section.

12 (c) As used in this section, "co-curricular activity"
13 means a school-authorized or education-related activity
14 occurring outside the regular instructional school day,
15 including sports, cheerleading, clubs, and other programs."

16 SECTION 2. The department of education shall consult the
17 Athletic Directors and Coaches Association of Hawaii and other
18 agencies and organizations during its rulemaking process to
19 effectuate the purposes of this Act and to address specific
20 issues, including:



- 1 (1) Appropriate funding for the participation of home-
2 schooled children in co-curricular activities at
3 public schools;
- 4 (2) Eligibility criteria for home-schooled children in co-
5 curricular activities at public schools, such as grade
6 point average requirements;
- 7 (3) Whether to or how to apply department of education
8 standards, rules, and policies to home-schooled
9 children during or as a prerequisite to their
10 participation in co-curricular activities;
- 11 (4) Determining and enforcing rules regarding transfers
12 between schools and home schools;
- 13 (5) Providing adequate protections against the illegal
14 recruitment of students for participation in athletics
15 and other co-curricular activities; and
- 16 (6) Liability and other legal issues that may arise from
17 the participation of home-schooled children in co-
18 curricular activities at public schools;
- 19 provided that any rules adopted relating to the participation of
20 home-schooled children in athletics at public schools shall be
21 consistent with department of education rules relating to the



1 participation of transfer students in athletics at public
2 schools.

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Home Schooling; Co-curricular Activities

Description:

Allows home-schooled students to participate in co-curricular activities offered at the public school they would otherwise be required to attend if they meet certain requirements. Requires DOE to consult with the Athletic Directors and Coaches Association of Hawaii during its rulemaking process. Effective July 1, 2050. (SB2349 HD1)

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