

AN ACT relating to interscholastic extracurricular activities.

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

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

*(1) A student enrolled in a nonpublic school, including a home school, is eligible to participate in an interscholastic extracurricular activity sponsored by or engaged in by the public school to which the student would be assigned according to district school board attendance policies or which the student could choose to attend pursuant to district open enrollment provisions, only if the nonpublic school does not offer the interscholastic extracurricular activity. A student eligible under this section who is selected to participate in an interscholastic extracurricular activity shall:*

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

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

*(c) Adhere to the same academic standards as other participants, with those standards confirmed by the appropriate nonpublic school documentation provided to the public school offering the extracurricular activity in which the student will participate;*

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

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

- (2) Transportation of a nonpublic school student to the public school to participate in an interscholastic extracurricular activity is the responsibility of the parent, guardian, or student. The student may use the same transportation as other students if additional expenses are not incurred by the district.
- (3) A public school shall not discriminate against a student eligible under this section in the selection of interscholastic extracurricular team members.
- (4) A public school team or group shall not be impeded from competing against any other public school team or group solely because the public school team or group includes students eligible under this section.