

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM
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Amend printed copy of **SB 120/HCS 1**

On page 11, after line 14, insert the following:

"➔SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 156 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Appropriate documentation" means:

- 1. The results of a nationally recognized standardized test or its equivalent as determined by the department;**
- 2. A portfolio of a student's school work from the previous year demonstrating the student's performance is at the student's grade level, as determined at the discretion of the public school's principal or designee; or**
- 3. If the student was enrolled in a public, private, or parochial school during the preceding school year, records demonstrating the student's eligibility based on the student's academic success at that school; and**

(b) "Department" means the Kentucky Department of Education or the agency designated by the Kentucky Board of Education to manage interscholastic athletics in the common schools under Section 1 of this Act.

(2) A student enrolled in an at-home private school shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics sponsored or engaged in by the public school to which the

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student would be assigned according to the attendance policies adopted by the local board of education of the school district in which the student resides. If the student ceases participation at that public school, the student shall be subject to the same transfer and eligibility rules and bylaws as apply to other students in interscholastic athletics. Prior to participating in an interscholastic athletic activity or sport under this subsection, an at-home private school student shall:

- (a) Pay any participation or activity fee that is charged to any other public school student;
- (b) Adhere to the same standards of behavior, responsibility, performance, and code of conduct as other students participating in the interscholastic athletic activity or sport;
- (c) Adhere to the same academic standards as other students participating in the interscholastic athletic activity or sport, with those standards confirmed by appropriate documentation provided by the parent or guardian of the student to the public school at which the at-home private school student participates. The parent or guardian shall provide, in accordance with the policies of the local board of education and school, verification that the student is meeting any grade requirements that are applicable to other students participating in the interscholastic athletic activity or sport;
- (d) Register with the school district the student's intent to participate in an interscholastic athletic activity or sport at a district's school before the first instructional day of the semester during which the activity or sport is offered; and
- (e) Comply with the same physical examination, immunization, insurance, age, and semester eligibility requirements as other students participating in the interscholastic athletic activity or sport.

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- (3) Transportation of an at-home private school student participating in a public school's interscholastic athletic activity shall be the responsibility of the parent, guardian, or student. However, the student may use the same transportation provided by the public school to other students participating in the interscholastic athletic activity if no additional expenses are incurred by the school or district.
- (4) In selecting members of an interscholastic athletic team, a public school shall not discriminate against an at-home private school student who is otherwise eligible to participate under this section.
- (5) Participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege and not a right. This section shall not be interpreted to create a cause of action on behalf of a student against a school district, a school district official, or the department.
- (6) This section shall not be construed to permit the department, a school district, or a public school to exercise control, regulatory authority, or supervision over an at-home private school student or the student's parent or guardian, including with respect to the student's education program, that is beyond the control, regulatory authority, or supervision required to participate in interscholastic athletics."