

SENATE BILL No. 515

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to student activities; authorizing
2 nonpublic schools to permit nonaccredited private elementary or
3 secondary school students to participate in certain activities for such
4 nonpublic schools; making it unlawful to discriminate against students
5 based on enrollment status.
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. (a) (1) A nonpublic school may permit any student who
9 meets the requirements of this section to participate in activities offered by
10 such nonpublic school that are regulated, supervised, promoted and
11 developed by the activities association referred to in K.S.A. 72-7114, and
12 amendments thereto.

13 (2) A nonpublic school may permit any student participating in any
14 activity pursuant to paragraph (1) to participate in any events, ceremonies,
15 programs or other functions directly related to such activity and sponsored
16 by such nonpublic school.

17 (3) The governing body of a nonpublic school may adopt policies
18 regarding the participation of those students who are participating in an
19 activity pursuant to paragraph (1) in the school-sponsored events,
20 ceremonies, programs or other functions that are not directly related to
21 such activity.

22 (b) A student shall be permitted to participate in any such activities if
23 such student:

24 (1) Is a resident of Kansas;

25 (2) is enrolled and attending a nonaccredited private elementary or
26 secondary school;

27 (3) meets any applicable age and eligibility requirements set forth by
28 the activities association referred to in K.S.A. 72-7114, and amendments
29 thereto, that are not otherwise in conflict with this section;

30 (4) pays any fees required by the nonpublic school for participation in
31 such activity if such fees are generally imposed upon all other students
32 who participate in such activity; and

33 (5) is permitted to participate in such activity by the governing body
34 of the nonpublic school.

35 (c) The governing body of the nonpublic school shall determine if the
36 student meets any academic eligibility requirements established by the

1 activities association.

2 (d) The governing body of a nonpublic school may require a student
3 who participates in an activity pursuant to this section to enroll in a
4 particular course or complete a particular course as a condition of
5 participation, if such requirement is imposed upon all other students who
6 participate in such activity.

7 (e) Except as provided in subsection (c), any student who seeks to
8 participate in an activity pursuant to this section shall be subject to any
9 tryout or other participation requirements that are otherwise applicable to
10 all other students for participation in the activity.

11 (f) Any student who meets the requirements of this section and
12 participates in activities described in subsection (a) shall be entitled to all
13 rights and subject to all responsibilities of any other participating student,
14 except as otherwise provided in this section, regardless of such student's
15 enrollment status.

16 (g) It shall be unlawful for the governing body of a nonpublic school
17 or the activities association referred to in K.S.A. 72-7114, and
18 amendments thereto, to discriminate against any student who meets the
19 requirements of this section based on such student's enrollment status.

20 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
21 publication in the statute book.