

**SENATE BILL No. 515**

By Committee on Ways and Means

2-18

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; *providing for a moratorium on*  
6 *interscholastic contests, activities and practices during certain time*  
7 *periods}.*  
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9 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

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

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

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

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

26 (1) Is a resident of Kansas;

27 (2) is enrolled and attending a nonaccredited private elementary or  
28 secondary school;

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

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

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

1 (c) The governing body of the nonpublic school shall determine if the  
2 student meets any academic eligibility requirements established by the  
3 activities association.

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

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

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

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

22 ***{Sec. 2. (a) There shall be a moratorium on interscholastic contests***  
23 ***and activities and any practices for such contests or activities during the***  
24 ***following time periods:***

25 ***(1) Every Sunday;***

26 ***(2) a consecutive five-day period, including December 25, as***  
27 ***established by the executive board;***

28 ***(3) a consecutive four-day period beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the***  
29 ***Thursday before Easter and ending at 11:59 p.m. on Easter Sunday;***

30 ***(4) a consecutive seven-day period, including July 4, as established***  
31 ***by the executive board; and***

32 ***(5) every Wednesday between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 11:59 p.m.***  
33 ***from September 1 through April 30 each year.***

34 ***(b) During any such moratorium, there shall be no interscholastic***  
35 ***activities or practices and no staff members present for any such***  
36 ***activities or practices, regardless of whether such activities or practices***  
37 ***take place on or off the school premises.}***

38 Sec. 23. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
39 publication in the statute book.