

## HOUSE BILL No. 2506

By Committee on K-12 Education Budget

Requested by Representative Thomas

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1 AN ACT concerning the Kansas state high school activities association;  
2 authorizing students enrolled in virtual schools to participate in  
3 activities that are regulated by the Kansas state high school activities  
4 association at such student's resident school district without a minimum  
5 enrollment requirement in such resident school district; amending  
6 K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-7121 and repealing the existing section.  
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8 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

9 Section 1. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-7121 is hereby amended to read as  
10 follows: 72-7121. (a) Any student who meets the requirements of this  
11 section shall be permitted to participate in any activities offered by a  
12 school district that are regulated, supervised, promoted and developed by  
13 the activities association referred to in K.S.A. 72-7114, and amendments  
14 thereto. A student shall be permitted to participate in any such activities if  
15 such student:

- 16 (1) Is a resident of the school district;
- 17 (2) is enrolled and attending a *virtual school as defined in K.S.A. 72-*  
18 *3212, and amendments thereto, or a nonpublic elementary or secondary*  
19 *school;*
- 20 (3) complies with the requirements of K.S.A. 72-6262, and  
21 amendments thereto, prior to participation in any such activity;
- 22 (4) meets any applicable age and eligibility requirements set forth by  
23 the activities association referred to in K.S.A. 72-7114, and amendments  
24 thereto, that are not otherwise in conflict with this section;
- 25 (5) pays any fees required by the school district for participation in  
26 such activity if such fees are generally imposed upon all other students  
27 who participate in such activity; and
- 28 (6) seeks participation at the appropriate school of the school district  
29 that corresponds to where such student resides within the school district's  
30 respective school attendance boundaries established by the board of  
31 education of the school district.

32 (b) (1) Any student attending a home school who seeks to participate  
33 in an activity in the student's resident school district shall be deemed to  
34 meet any academic eligibility requirements established by the activities  
35 association for participation in an activity if:

1 (A) The student is maintaining satisfactory progress towards  
2 achievement or promotion to the next grade level; and

3 (B) the parent, teacher or organization that provides instruction to the  
4 student submits an affidavit or transcript to the activities association  
5 indicating the student meets the academic eligibility requirements of  
6 subparagraph (A).

7 (2) Upon submission of an affidavit, the student attending a home  
8 school shall be deemed to meet any academic eligibility requirements  
9 established by the activities association and shall retain such academic  
10 eligibility during the activity season for which such affidavit is submitted.

11 (c) *Except as provided in subsection (d), a student attending a virtual*  
12 *school as defined in K.S.A. 72-3212, and amendments thereto, who seeks*  
13 *to participate in an activity in the student's resident school district shall*  
14 *not be required to enroll in or attend a minimum number of courses at*  
15 *such school district.*

16 (d) The board of education of a school district may require a student  
17 who participates in an activity pursuant to this section to enroll in a  
18 particular course or complete a particular course as a condition of  
19 participation, if such requirement is imposed upon all other students who  
20 participate in such activity.

21 ~~(d)~~(e) Except as provided in subsection (b), any student who seeks to  
22 participate in an activity pursuant to this section shall be subject to any  
23 tryout or other participation requirements that are otherwise applicable to  
24 all other students for participation in the activity.

25 ~~(e) This section shall take effect on and after July 1, 2023.~~

26 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 72-7121 is hereby repealed.

27 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
28 publication in the statute book.