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1 A bill to be entitled An act relating to interscholastic 2 3 extracurricular student activities; amending s. 232.425, F.S., relating to student standards 4 for participation in interscholastic 5 6 extracurricular student activities; defining 7 the term "extracurricular"; providing for the 8 accessibility of such activities to home 9 education students; providing an effective 10 date. 11 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 13 14 Section 1. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section 15 232.425, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, are amended to 16 read: 17 232.425 Student standards for participation in 18 interscholastic extracurricular student activities; regulation. --19 20 (2) The Legislature recognizes the importance of 21 interscholastic extracurricular student activities as a 22 complement to the academic curriculum. Participation in a 23 comprehensive extracurricular and academic program contributes to student development of the social and intellectual skills 24 25 necessary to become a well-rounded adult. It is the intent of 26 the Legislature to provide the mechanism for all students in 27 Florida to participate in interscholastic extracurricular 28 activities. As used in this section, the term 29 "extracurricular" means any school-authorized or education-related activity occurring during or outside the 30 31 regular instructional school day.

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1 (3)(a) To be eligible to participate in 2 interscholastic extracurricular student activities, a student must maintain a grade point average of 1.5 on a 4.0 scale, or 3 its equivalent, and must pass five subjects for the grading 4 period immediately preceding participation; except that 5 6 student eligibility for the first grading period of each new 7 school year shall be based on passing five subjects and 8 maintaining the required grade point average the previous 9 school year, including subjects completed during the interim summer school session. 10 (b) Any student who is exempt from attending a full 11 12 school day under s. 228.041(13) must maintain a 1.5 grade 13 point average and pass each class for which he or she is 14 enrolled. 15 (c) An individual home education student shall be eligible to participate at a public school, and may develop an 16 17 agreement to participate at a nonpublic school, in the 18 interscholastic extracurricular activities of that school, provided the following conditions are met: 19 20 1. The home education student must meet the 21 requirements of the home education program pursuant to s. 22 232.02(4). 23 2. During the period of participation at a school, the home education student must demonstrate educational progress 24 25 as required in paragraph (b) in all subjects taken in the home 26 education program by a method of evaluation agreed upon by the 27 parent and the principal which may include: review of the 28 student's work by a certified teacher chosen by the parent; 29 grades earned through correspondence; grades earned in courses 30 taken at a community college, university, or trade school; 31

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1 standardized test scores above the 35th percentile; or any 2 other method designated in s. 232.02(4).

3 3. The home education student must meet the same
4 residency requirements as other students in the school at
5 which he or she participates.

4. The home education student must meet the same
standards of acceptance, behavior, and performance as required
of other students in extracurricular activities.

9 5. The student must register with the school his or 10 her intent to participate in interscholastic extracurricular 11 activities as a representative of the school prior to the 12 beginning date of the season for the activity in which he or 13 she wishes to participate. <u>A home education student must be</u> 14 <u>able to participate in curricular activities if that is a</u> 15 requirement for an extracurricular activity.

6. A student who transfers from a home education
program to a public school prior to or during the first
grading period of the school year shall be academically
eligible to participate in interscholastic extracurricular
activities during the first grading period provided the
student has a successful evaluation from the previous school
year, pursuant to subparagraph 2.

23 7. Any public school or nonpublic school student who has been unable to maintain academic eligibility for 24 25 participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities 26 shall be ineligible to participate in such activities as a 27 home education student until such time as the student has 28 successfully completed one grading period in home education pursuant to subparagraph 2. to become eligible to participate 29 30 as a home education student.

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1	(4) The student standards for participation in
2	interscholastic extracurricular activities <u>must</u> shall be
3	applied beginning with the student's first semester of the 9th
4	grade. Each student must meet such other requirements for
5	participation as may be established by the school district:
6	however, a school district may not establish requirements for
7	participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities
8	which make participation in such activities less accessible to
9	home education students than to other students. Except as set
10	forth in paragraph (3)(c), evaluation processes or
11	requirements that are placed on home education student
12	participants may not go beyond those that apply under s.
13	232.02 to home education students generally.
14	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997.
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17	SENATE SUMMARY
18	Defines the term "extracurricular," as used in s. 232.425, F.S., relating to student standards for
19	participation in interscholastic extracurricular student activities. Provides that requirements for participation in such activities must allow home education students to participate on an equal footing with other students.
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