

Senate Bill 42

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for eligibility of students who attend  
3 private schools or home study programs for extracurricular programs offered at public  
4 schools under certain conditions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and  
8 secondary education, is amended by adding at the end a new article to read as follows:

9 "ARTICLE 32  
10 20-2-2090.

11 A student who attends a private school or home study program which meets the respective  
12 requirements therefor specified in Code Section 20-2-690 shall be eligible to participate in  
13 any extracurricular program offered in the public school which that student would  
14 otherwise be authorized to attend if that student meets the same requirements established  
15 for public school students in that program, other than attendance at that school. A public  
16 school shall have no obligation to provide transportation to or from that school for a student  
17 eligible for extracurricular programs pursuant to this Code section except that such student  
18 shall be eligible for transportation from the school to and from any extracurricular program  
19 in which the student is eligible to participate under the same conditions as public school  
20 participants in that program. A student otherwise eligible to participate in any  
21 extracurricular program pursuant to this Code section may not participate in that program  
22 if it is at least substantially similar to an extracurricular program in which that student  
23 participates in the private school that student attends."

24 **SECTION 2.**

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- 1 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.