

Senate Bill 210

By: Senators Crotts of the 17th, Lamutt of the 21st, Dean of the 31st, Starr of the 44th, Williams of the 19th and others

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 home study programs for extracurricular programs offered at public schools under certain
4 conditions; to provide for conditions of eligibility; to provide for transportation; to provide
5 for policies consistent with those for public school students; to provide for ineligibility; to
6 prohibit certain contracts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
7 other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

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

12 style="text-align:center">"ARTICLE 32

13 20-2-2090.

14 (a) A student who attends a home study program which meets the requirements specified
15 in Code Section 20-2-690 shall be eligible to participate in any extracurricular program
16 offered in the public school which that student would otherwise be authorized to attend if
17 the parent providing instruction to the child provides the following written verification:

18 (1) The student is receiving a passing grade in the courses or subjects being taught; and

19 (2) The student is maintaining satisfactory progress towards advancement or promotion.

20 (b) A public school shall have no obligation to provide transportation to or from the school
21 for a student eligible for extracurricular programs pursuant to this Code section except that
22 such student shall be eligible for transportation from the school to and from any
23 extracurricular program in which the student is eligible to participate under the same
24 conditions as public school participants in that program. Registration, age eligibility
25 requirements, fees, insurance, physical condition, qualifications, responsibilities, event

1 schedules, standards of behavior, and performance policies for home study students shall
2 be consistent with those policies established for students enrolled in that public school.

3 (c) A child who attends a home study program and who was previously enrolled in a school
4 shall be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school
5 year during which the child was enrolled in a home study program.

6 (d) A local board of education shall not contract with any private entity that supervises
7 extracurricular activities if the private entity prohibits the participation of children
8 instructed in a home study program in extracurricular activities at public schools."

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SECTION 2.

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