

Senate Bill 210

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**AS PASSED SENATE**

**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 exceptions; to  
6 provide for ineligibility; to prohibit certain activities relating to athletic associations in  
7 certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
8 purposes.

9 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

10 **SECTION 1.**

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

13 "ARTICLE 32

14 20-2-2090.

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

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

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

21 (b) A public school shall have no obligation to provide transportation to or from the school  
22 for a student eligible for extracurricular programs pursuant to this Code section except that  
23 such student shall be eligible for transportation from the school to and from any  
24 extracurricular program in which the student is eligible to participate under the same  
25 conditions as public school participants in that program. Registration, age eligibility  
26 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 provided, however, that students enrolled in a public school shall have priority over home  
4 school students for inclusion on a team or participation in an activity if the team or activity  
5 cannot accommodate all students who want to participate.

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

9 (d) No high school which receives state funding under this chapter shall participate in,  
10 sponsor, or provide coaching staff for interscholastic sports events which are conducted  
11 under the authority of, conducted under the rules of, or scheduled by any athletic  
12 association unless the charter, bylaws, or other governing documents of such athletic  
13 association permit the participation of children instructed in a home study program in  
14 extracurricular activities at public schools in accordance with this Code section.

15 (e) A child who attends a home study program and who was previously enrolled in a  
16 school shall be ineligible to participate in school extra-curricular activities for the  
17 remainder of the school year during which the child was enrolled as well as the following  
18 academic year if the student's grades when he or she withdrew from school were below the  
19 academic standards of the Georgia High School Association, the local school system, or  
20 the local school at which the student wishes to participate."

21 **SECTION 2.**

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