

The House Committee on Science and Technology offers the following substitute to HB 281:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act,"  
3 so as to enact the "Georgia Student Extracurricular Partnership Act"; to provide for  
4 legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to require a public school to allow any public  
5 school student in grades kindergarten through 12 living in the attendance zone of the public  
6 school to participate in extracurricular activities at such school; to provide for academic  
7 requirements; to provide that such student be subject to all nonacademic rules, regulations,  
8 and codes of conduct as would apply to other students; to provide for rules and regulations;  
9 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

11 **SECTION 1.**

12 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Georgia Student Extracurricular  
13 Partnership Act."

14 **SECTION 2.**

15 The General Assembly finds that extracurricular student activities are an important  
16 complement to the academic curriculum and that participation in extracurricular activities  
17 contributes to the development of the social and intellectual skills necessary for students to  
18 become well-rounded adults. Further, the General Assembly finds that the state has an  
19 investment in every child in this state and his or her education, regardless of where that child  
20 is being educated.

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
23 relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended  
24 by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

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25 "20-2-319.3.

26 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

27 (1) 'Nonenrolled public school student' means a public school student in grades  
28 kindergarten through 12 who resides within the attendance zone of a school but who is  
29 not enrolled in such school.

30 (2) 'Public school' means a public school, including, without limitation, a local charter  
31 school, as defined in paragraph (7) of Code Section 20-2-2062, a state chartered special  
32 school, as defined in paragraph (16) of Code Section 20-2-2062, and a commission  
33 charter school, as defined in paragraph (2) of Code Section 20-2-2081.

34 (b) A public school may allow any nonenrolled public school student to participate in any  
35 extracurricular activity offered or conducted by such public school in the same manner as  
36 any student currently enrolled at such public school. A nonenrolled public school student  
37 desiring to participate in an extracurricular activity shall register with the principal of the  
38 public school, or his or her designee, such intent to participate in extracurricular activities  
39 of the public school in accordance with rules and regulations established by the State Board  
40 of Education. The final approval for such participation shall reside in the discretion of the  
41 principal in accordance with local board policies, or in accordance with State Board of  
42 Education or Georgia Charter Schools Commission policies, for a state chartered special  
43 school or a commission charter school, respectively.

44 (c) In order to be eligible to participate in an extracurricular activity pursuant to this Code  
45 section, a nonenrolled public school student shall maintain at his or her school of  
46 attendance compliance with all academic and nonacademic rules and requirements  
47 governing participation in such extracurricular activity at the public school.

48 (d) The State Board of Education shall establish rules and regulations to implement the  
49 provisions of this Code section."

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#### **SECTION 4.**

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