

House Bill 271

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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 authorize a public school to allow charter
5 school students 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 that such student
7 be subject to all academic and nonacademic rules, regulations, and codes of conduct as would
8 apply to students at the public school; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for
9 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:

25 "20-2-319.3.

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

27 (1) 'Charter school' means a local charter school, as defined in paragraph (7) of Code
28 Section 20-2-2062; a state chartered special school, as defined in paragraph (16) of Code
29 Section 20-2-2062; and a commission charter school, as defined in paragraph (2) of Code
30 Section 20-2-2081.

31 (2) 'Charter school student' means a student enrolled in a charter school in grades
32 kindergarten through 12 who resides within the attendance zone of a public school but
33 who is not enrolled in such school.

34 (3) 'Public school' means a traditional public school and shall not include a charter
35 school.

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

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