

Senate Bill 253

By: Senators Jones of the 25th, Jeffares of the 17th, Stone of the 23rd, Hill of the 6th, Shafer of the 48th and others

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 require a local school system to allow home study students to participate in
4 extracurricular and interscholastic activities; to provide for definitions; to provide that home
5 study students are subject to all rules, regulations, and codes of conduct as would apply to
6 other students; to provide for rules and regulations by the State Board of Education; to
7 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

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

13 "20-2-319.5.

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

15 (1) 'Extracurricular and interscholastic activities' means special interest groups and clubs,
16 interscholastic and intramural athletics, academic competitions, exhibitions, and fine arts
17 programs conducted outside of the regular school day but does not include cocurricular
18 activities, which require enrollment in a corresponding class.

19 (2) 'Home study student' means a student in a home study program which meets the
20 requirements of subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-690.

21 (3) 'Resident school' means the public school in the local school system in which such
22 student would be enrolled by virtue of his or her residence.

23 (b) A local school system shall allow home study students to participate in any
24 extracurricular and interscholastic activities offered or conducted by his or her resident
25 school in the same manner as any public school student attending such resident school. A

26 home study student shall be required to complete any related forms required by the local
27 school system or pursuant to State Board of Education rules.

28 (c) A home study student shall be required to comply with and shall be subject to the same
29 rules and requirements for participation that apply to any public school student's
30 participation in extracurricular and interscholastic activities and shall be subject to the same
31 code of conduct as would apply to other students participating in the same activity.

32 (d) The State Board of Education shall establish rules and regulations to facilitate the
33 provisions of this Code section."

34 **SECTION 2.**

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