

HOUSE BILL No. 2540

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning school districts; relating to the Kansas state high
2 school activities association; relating to participation by certain
3 students.

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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) The board of education of a school district may adopt a
7 policy permitting any student who meets the requirements of this section
8 to participate in any activities offered by such school district and regulated
9 by a high school activities association pursuant to K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 72-
10 7114 et seq., and amendments thereto, regardless of whether such student
11 attends a school in such school district on a full-time basis.

12 (b) Any policy adopted pursuant to this section shall include the
13 following requirements for any student who wishes to participate in an
14 activity that is subject to the provisions of this section. Such student:

15 (1) Is a resident of the school district;

16 (2) attends a school registered with the state board of education in
17 accordance with K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 72-4346, and amendments thereto,
18 and such school attests to the student's compliance with all applicable
19 academic requirements for participation in activities offered by such
20 school district; and

21 (3) submits an immunization record to such school district in
22 accordance with K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 72-6262, and amendments thereto.

23 (c) Any student participating in high school activities shall be subject
24 to the age and eligibility requirements of the high school activities
25 association, as described in K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 72-7114, and amendments
26 thereto, that are not in conflict with the provisions of this section.

27 (d) The board of education may permit students not attending a
28 school in such school district on a full-time basis to participate in only
29 certain activities offered by such school district. The board may also
30 require a student who wishes to participate in an activity to enroll in a
31 particular course or complete a particular course as an eligibility
32 requirement or other condition of such participation.

33 (e) To the extent any participation fees are required to be paid by a
34 student participating in an activity, the same fees shall be paid by any
35 student permitted to participate in such activity pursuant to a policy
36 adopted under subsection (a).

1 (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit a student to
2 participate in an activity if such student is otherwise prohibited from
3 participating for any reason other than attendance, or if such student is
4 prohibited from participating because of truancy. Any student participating
5 in an activity shall abide by all school district policies relating to such
6 participation, including, but not limited to, transportation to and from any
7 such activity.

8 (g) Any liability insurance obtained by a school district that provides
9 coverage of students participating in activities offered by such school
10 district shall also cover any student who participates in such activities
11 pursuant to a policy adopted under subsection (a).

12 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
13 publication in the statute book.