

HOUSE BILL 996

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By: **Delegate Angel**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2018

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Homeschool Students in Maryland – Extracurricular Activities**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a public school to allow certain students to participate in
4 certain extracurricular activities under certain circumstances; requiring public
5 schools to give placement priority to certain students over certain students if certain
6 limitations exist; defining a certain term; and generally relating to allowing students
7 in home instruction programs to participate in extracurricular activities sponsored
8 by public schools.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education

11 Section 7–117

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Education**

17 **7–117.**

18 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY” INCLUDES**
19 **INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS, MUSIC, DRAMA PROGRAMS, STUDENT**
20 **ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY A SCHOOL:**

21 **(1) IN WHICH A STUDENT MAY PARTICIPATE OUTSIDE REGULAR**
22 **SCHOOL HOURS; AND**

23 **(2) FOR WHICH A STUDENT DOES NOT EARN ACADEMIC CREDIT.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A PUBLIC**
2 **SCHOOL MAY ALLOW A STUDENT WHO IS NOT ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL TO**
3 **PARTICIPATE IN AN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL TO**
4 **THE SAME EXTENT THAT A STUDENT WHO IS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL MAY**
5 **PARTICIPATE IN THE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY, IF THE STUDENT WHO IS NOT**
6 **ENROLLED:**

7 **(1) PARTICIPATES IN A HOME INSTRUCTION PROGRAM UNDER**
8 **WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT; AND**

9 **(2) IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.**

10 **(C) A PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL GIVE PLACEMENT PRIORITY TO A STUDENT**
11 **ENROLLED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SPONSORING THE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY**
12 **OVER A STUDENT WHO IS NOT ENROLLED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL IF THERE ARE A**
13 **LIMITED NUMBER OF SPACES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS IN THE EXTRACURRICULAR**
14 **ACTIVITY.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
16 1, 2018.