

HOUSE BILL 251

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By: **Delegate West**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2016

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Home Instruction Programs – Participation in Clubs and Activities**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain local school systems to allow a certain student who is
4 participating in a certain home instruction program to participate in certain clubs
5 and activities beginning on a certain date; requiring a certain student to participate
6 in certain clubs and activities in a certain manner; authorizing the State Department
7 of Education to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally
8 relating to home instruction programs in the State.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education

11 Section 7–121

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 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 **7–121.**

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “ACTIVITIES” INCLUDES INTERSCHOLASTIC
19 ATHLETICS.

20 (B) (1) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2017, A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM
21 SHALL ALLOW A STUDENT PARTICIPATING IN A HOME INSTRUCTION PROGRAM TO
22 PARTICIPATE IN THE EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE LOCAL
23 SCHOOL SYSTEM.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) A STUDENT WHO PARTICIPATES IN AN EXTRACURRICULAR CLUB**
2 **OR ACTIVITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:**

3 **(I) PARTICIPATE WITH THE PUBLIC SCHOOL TO WHICH THE**
4 **STUDENT WOULD BE ASSIGNED IF THE STUDENT WERE TO ATTEND A PUBLIC HIGH**
5 **SCHOOL IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM;**

6 **(II) MEET THE SAME ELIGIBILITY OR TRYOUT CRITERIA FOR**
7 **PARTICIPATION IN THE EXTRACURRICULAR CLUB OR ACTIVITY AS A STUDENT WHO**
8 **ATTENDS A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM; AND**

9 **(III) COMPLY WITH ALL POLICIES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS OF**
10 **THE GOVERNING ORGANIZATION OF THE EXTRACURRICULAR CLUB OR ACTIVITY.**

11 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE**
12 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
14 1, 2016.