

SENATE BILL 987

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CF HB 1122

By: **Senator Hershey**

Introduced and read first time: February 19, 2022

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Home School Students – Extracurricular Activities**
3 **(Right to Play Act of 2022)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each public school to allow students in home instruction
5 programs to participate in extracurricular activities sponsored by the school if the
6 student meets certain criteria; and generally relating to allowing students in home
7 instruction programs to participate in extracurricular activities sponsored by public
8 schools.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education

11 Section 7–129

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 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 **7–129.**

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) EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL ALLOW A STUDENT WHO IS NOT**
2 **ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY**
3 **SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL TO THE SAME EXTENT THAT A STUDENT WHO IS**
4 **ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY**
5 **IF THE STUDENT WHO IS NOT ENROLLED:**

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

8 **(2) IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL; AND**

9 **(3) MEETS AND COMPLIES WITH THE PUBLIC SCHOOL'S**
10 **REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2022.