

HOUSE BILL 1528

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By: **Delegates Ross, Bhandari, Roberson, Toles, and Wilson**

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2026

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Homeschool Students – Extracurricular Activities**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a public school to allow a student participating in a certain
4 home instruction program to participate in extracurricular activities sponsored by
5 the school under certain circumstances; requiring a public school to give placement
6 priority to a student enrolled in a certain school over a student who is not enrolled
7 in the school if certain limitations exist; and generally relating to students in home
8 instruction and extracurricular activities sponsored by public schools.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education

11 Section 7–137

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 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 **7–137.**

18 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY” MEANS ATHLETICS,**
19 **INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS, OR ANOTHER ACTIVITY:**

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

22 **(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) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) 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 PARTICIPATES IN A HOME INSTRUCTION PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE**
7 **WITH COMAR GUIDELINES.**

8 **(C) A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY ALLOW A STUDENT WHO PARTICIPATES IN A**
9 **HOME INSTRUCTION PROGRAM TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ATHLETIC**
10 **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY, INCLUDING INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS, IF THE**
11 **LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM APPROVES OF THE PARTICIPATION.**

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

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
18 1, 2026.