

Amendment No. 2 to SB0240

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3050, is amended by adding the following language as new subsection (e):

(e)

(1) A home school student shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the public school to which the student would be assigned or authorized to attend according to the LEA; provided, that:

(A) The student is enrolled in a home school conducted by the student's parent or legal guardian;

(B) The student registers as a home school student with the local director of schools by August 1 of the school year in which the student desires to participate in interscholastic athletics;

(C) The student meets the same academic, health and conduct standards required of other participants on the school's interscholastic athletic teams. The director of schools or the director's designee shall confer with the parent or legal guardian conducting the home school to determine that the student is academically eligible; and

(D) The student registers with the school the student's intent to participate in interscholastic athletics prior to August 1 of the school year.

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(2) If an organization or an association that regulates interscholastic athletics adopts rules establishing minimum eligibility requirements for participation by home school students in interscholastic athletics at the organization's or association's member schools, then an LEA shall permit participation by home school students in accordance with such rules. This subdivision does not guarantee that a home school student trying out for an interscholastic sport will make the team, but only that the home school student shall not be prohibited from trying out for a sports team if the student is eligible under the rules of the organization or association.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to participation in extracurricular athletics beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year.