



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 225

SENATE BILL NO. 240

By Campfield, Burks

Substituted for: House Bill No. 222

By Kane, Sargent, Durham, Hall, Moody, Timothy Hill, Dunn, Womick, Matthew Hill, Dean, Van Huss, Holt, Joe Carr, Sparks, Spivey, Lundberg, Butt, Todd, Weaver, Carter, Kevin Brooks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-50-801 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to participation in athletics by home school students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

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

(e)(1) If any of the public schools established under the jurisdiction of an LEA are members of an organization or an association that regulates interscholastic athletic competition, and if such organization or association establishes or maintains eligibility requirements for home school students desiring to participate in interscholastic athletics at a member school, then the LEA shall permit participation in interscholastic athletics at those schools by home school students who satisfy the eligibility requirements established by the organization or association.

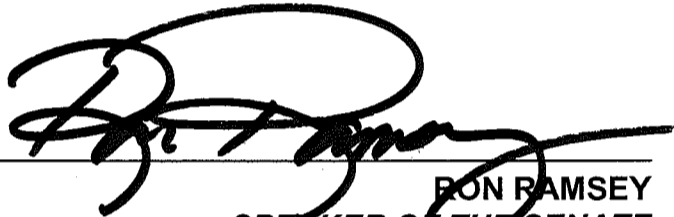
(2) This subsection (e) does not guarantee that a home school student trying out for an interscholastic athletics team will make the team or supplant the authority of coaches or other school officials in deciding who makes the team. This subsection (e) is intended to guarantee only that the home school student shall not be prohibited from trying out for an interscholastic athletics team, if the student is eligible under the rules of the organization or association, solely by reason of the student's status as a home school student.

(3) This subsection (e) shall not be construed to limit or supplant the authority of the organization or association to determine eligibility and to establish, modify and enforce its rules and eligibility requirements, including those applicable to home school students.

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.

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PASSED: April 1, 2013



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 19th day of April 2013



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR