

House Engrossed Senate Bill

~~nonpublic school students; interscholastic activities~~
(now: private school students; interscholastic activities)

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SENATE BILL 1564

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-802.02; RELATING TO STUDENT INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 8, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-802.02, to read:
4 15-802.02. Interscholastic activities; private school
5 students; eligibility to participate; definition
6 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, A QUALIFIED PRIVATE SCHOOL
7 STUDENT SHALL BE ALLOWED TO TRY OUT FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ON
8 BEHALF OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE SAME MANNER AS A STUDENT WHO IS ENROLLED
9 IN THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL. THE POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO
10 REGISTRATION, AGE ELIGIBILITY, FEES, INSURANCE, TRANSPORTATION, PHYSICAL
11 CONDITION, QUALIFICATIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES, EVENT SCHEDULES, STANDARDS OF
12 BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE FOR QUALIFIED PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS
13 PARTICIPATING IN OR TRYING OUT FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES SHALL BE
14 CONSISTENT WITH THE POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED FOR STUDENTS
15 ENROLLED IN THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL.
16 B. THE PARENT OF A QUALIFIED PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENT WHO TRIES OUT
17 FOR AN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL SUBMIT
18 WRITTEN VERIFICATION TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT THE STUDENT IS BOTH:
19 1. RECEIVING A PASSING GRADE IN EACH COURSE OR SUBJECT THE STUDENT
20 IS BEING TAUGHT.
21 2. MAINTAINING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARDS ADVANCEMENT OR
22 PROMOTION.
23 C. A QUALIFIED PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENT WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED
24 IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL OR DIFFERENT PRIVATE SCHOOL IS
25 INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES FOR THE REMAINDER
26 OF THE SCHOOL YEAR DURING WHICH THE STUDENT WAS PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED.
27 D. A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY NOT CONTRACT WITH ANY PRIVATE ENTITY THAT
28 SUPERVISES INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES IF THE PRIVATE ENTITY PROHIBITS
29 QUALIFIED PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM PARTICIPATING IN INTERSCHOLASTIC
30 ACTIVITIES AT PUBLIC, PRIVATE OR CHARTER SCHOOLS.
31 E. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "QUALIFIED PRIVATE SCHOOL
32 STUDENT" MEANS A STUDENT WHO RESIDES WITHIN THE ATTENDANCE AREA OF A
33 PUBLIC SCHOOL AND WHO IS EDUCATED IN A PRIVATE SCHOOL AS DEFINED IN
34 SECTION 15-802 THAT HAS FEWER THAN ONE HUNDRED STUDENTS IN GRADES NINE
35 THROUGH TWELVE AND THAT DOES NOT OFFER THE INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITY FOR
36 WHICH THE STUDENT IS TRYING OUT.