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HOUSE BILL 1013

Short Title: Home Schoolers Participate in School Sports. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cleveland, Hilton (Primary Sponsors); Blackwood, Brown, Dollar, Gulley, McElraft, McGee, and Samuelson.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, if favorable, Education, if favorable, Appropriations.

April 2, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PERMIT HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-12(23) reads as rewritten:

"§ 115C-12. Powers and duties of the Board generally.

The general supervision and administration of the free public school system shall be vested in the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall establish policy for the system of free public schools, subject to laws enacted by the General Assembly. The powers and duties of the State Board of Education are defined as follows:

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(23) Power to Adopt Eligibility Rules for Interscholastic Athletic Competition. – The State Board of Education may adopt rules governing interscholastic athletic activities conducted by local boards of education, including eligibility for student participation. Students attending home schools shall be permitted to participate in interscholastic athletic activities in accord with the requirements of G.S. 115C-565.1. The State Board of Education may authorize a designated organization to apply and enforce the Board's rules governing participation in interscholastic athletic activities at the high school level."

SECTION 2. G.S. 115C-47(4) reads as rewritten:

"§ 115C-47. Powers and duties generally.

In addition to the powers and duties designated in G.S. 115C-36, local boards of education shall have the power or duty:

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(4) To Regulate Extracurricular Activities. – Local boards of education shall make all rules and regulations necessary for the conducting of extracurricular activities in the schools under their supervision, including a program of athletics, where desired, without assuming liability therefore; provided, that all interscholastic athletic activities shall be conducted in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the State Board of ~~Education.~~ Education, and that students attending home schools shall be permitted to participate in interscholastic athletic activities in accord with the requirements of G.S. 115C-565.1."



1 **SECTION 3.** Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by
2 adding a new section to read:

3 **"§ 115C-565.1. Participation of home schooled students in interscholastic athletics.**

4 (a) Eligibility. – To be eligible to participate in interscholastic public school athletics, a
5 home schooled student shall meet the residency criteria of G.S. 115C-366(1) and shall
6 participate only at the school to which the student would be assigned by the local board of
7 education if enrolled in public school.

8 (b) Compliance with Rules. – A home schooled student shall comply with all rules and
9 regulations established by the local board of education and the State Board of Education,
10 except that a home schooled student shall not be required to meet school enrollment
11 requirements. The home schooled student shall meet the same standards of acceptance,
12 behavior, and performance as required of enrolled public school students participating in
13 interscholastic athletics.

14 (c) Academic Progress. –

15 (1) Academic eligibility required for participation. – A student who has not met
16 established academic eligibility requirements for athletic participation shall
17 be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics as a home schooled
18 student until academic eligibility is established.

19 (2) Assessment of academic progress. – A home schooled student shall
20 demonstrate any required academic eligibility in all subjects taken in the
21 home schooled program by a method of evaluation agreed upon by the
22 parent and the school principal.

23 (d) Registration. – A home schooled student shall register with the school his or her
24 intent to participate in interscholastic athletics before the beginning date of the season for the
25 activity in which the student wishes to participate.

26 (e) Fees and Insurance. – A home schooled student shall be required to pay any fees for
27 participation required of enrolled public school students and shall be required to purchase any
28 supplemental insurance required of enrolled public school students."

29 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
30 the 2009-2010 school year.