A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECT	ION 1. The purpose of this Act is to:
2	(1)	Require all home school students to enroll at the
3		public school in the student's service area;
4	(2)	Require home school students who are enrolled at the
5		school in their service area to be calculated as
6		per cent of a non-home school student at that public
7		school under the weighted student formula; and
8	(3)	Allow home school students, who would otherwise be
9		denied the opportunity to do so, to participate on an
10		equal basis in extracurricular activities offered at
11		public schools.
12	SECT	ION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13	amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately	
14	designated and to read as follows:	
15	" <u>§30</u>	2A- Home school students; enrollment; weighted
16	student f	ormula. (a) A home school student shall enroll with
17	the appro	priate public school in the student's service area, as
18	determine	d by the department pursuant to section 302A-1143.
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1	(b) In determining the allocation of moneys to public
2	schools pursuant to section 302A-1303.6, home school students,
3	who are enrolled at the public school in their service area
4	pursuant to subsection (a), shall be calculated as per
5	cent of a non-home school student at that public school under
6	the weighted student formula.
7	§302A- Home school students; extracurricular activities.
8	(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, each public
9	school, subject to the requirements of this section, shall allow
10	any home school student to participate on an equal basis in any
11	extracurricular activity offered by a public school.
12	(b) Each private school may allow a student to participate
13	in an extracurricular activity offered by the private school, at
14	the private school's discretion.
15	(c) A public school shall not adopt or agree to be bound
16	by any rule or policy of any organization or association that
17	would prohibit any participation allowed by this section.
18	(d) A home school student's participation in an
19	extracurricular activity through any amateur association or
20	league of which the public school is not a member shall not
21	prevent the student from participating or affect the student's
22	eligibility to participate in the same extracurricular activity

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at any public school; provided that prior to participating in
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    any extracurricular activity through the amateur association or
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    league, the student shall obtain the express written permission
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    of the principal of the public school at which the student
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    participates in the extracurricular activity, which permission
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    shall be granted if:
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              The student's class attendance is not compromised; and
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         (2) The student is in good academic standing under the
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              home school's activities policy.
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         (e) Notwithstanding any rule adopted or agreed to by any
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    public school, any home school student who is sanctioned or is
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    to which the school belongs, to be ineligible to participate in
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    any extracurricular activity for any reason, except for
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    unsportsmanlike conduct or ejection from an activity, may appeal
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    the sanction or finding. The appeal shall be made through the
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    applicable process at the school, any league to which the school
    belongs, or any other organization to which the school belongs.
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         (f) To participate in an extracurricular activity at a
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    public school, a home school student shall meet all of the
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    requirements imposed by the public school, including compliance
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    with:
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1	(1)	All laws governing the activity;	
2	(2)	All eligibility requirements imposed by the public	
3		school;	
4	(3)	The same responsibilities and standards of behavior as	
5		are imposed on other students participating in the	
6		activity at the public school; and	
7	(4)	The payment of all required activity-related fees;	
8		provided that these fees shall not be greater than the	
9		fees paid by a public school student for the same	
10		extracurricular activity.	
11	(g)	As used in this section, "extracurricular activity"	
12	means a school-authorized or education-related activity		
13	occurring	during or outside the regular instructional school	
14	day, incl	uding but not limited to sports, cheerleading, music,	
15	band, clubs, driver's education, and after-school programs.		
16	(h)	The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter	
17	91 to administer and implement this section."		
18	SECTION 3. Section 302A-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is		
19	amended by adding two new definitions to be appropriately		
20	inserted a	and to read as follows:	
21	""Enroll" means to formally place a student on a public		
22	school's roll.		
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1	"Home	e school" means the sequential program of instruction
2	for the ed	ducation of a child which:
3	(1)	Takes place in a home;
4	(2)	Is provided by the child's parent or guardian or by an
5		adult relative of the child designated by the parent
6		or guardian;
7	(3)	Is not under the supervision and control of a public
8		school;
9	(4)	Is not intended to be and does not qualify as a
10		private and nonprofit school or a new century charter
11		school; and
12	(5)	Is subject to any rule adopted by the department under
13		chapter 8-12, Hawaii Administrative Rules ("compulsory
14		attendance exceptions"), relating to home schooling."
15	SECT	ION 4. New statutory material is underscored.
16	SECT	ION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Home School Students; Enrollment; Weighted Student Formula; Extracurricular Activities

Description:

Requires all home school students to enroll at the public school in the student's service area. Requires home school students who are enrolled at the school in their service area to be calculated as an unspecified per cent of a non-home school student at that public school under the weighted student formula. Allows home school students to participate in any extracurricular activities offered by a public school. Amends section 302A-101, HRS, to add definitions for "enroll" and "home school".

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