

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 22.1 a section numbered
3 22.1-7.2, relating to participation in public school interscholastic programs by students who receive
4 home instruction.

5 [H 131]
6 Approved

7 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

8 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 22.1 a section numbered
9 22.1-7.2 as follows:

10 § 22.1-7.2. Organizations governing public school interscholastic programs; participation by
11 students who receive home instruction.

12 A. No public school shall become a member of any organization or entity whose purpose is to
13 regulate or govern interscholastic programs that does not deem eligible for participation a student who
14 (i) receives home instruction pursuant to § 22.1-254.1; (ii) has demonstrated evidence of progress in
15 compliance with subsection C of § 22.1-254.1 for at least two consecutive academic years immediately
16 preceding the academic year during which the student seeks to participate; (iii) is in compliance with
17 the immunization requirements set forth in § 22.1-271.4; (iv) is entitled to free tuition in a public school
18 pursuant to § 22.1-3; (v) has not reached the age of 19 by August 1 of the current academic year; (vi)
19 is an amateur who receives no compensation but participates solely for the educational, physical,
20 mental, and social benefits of the activity; (vii) complies with all disciplinary rules and is subject to all
21 codes of conduct applicable to all public high school athletes; and (viii) complies with all other rules
22 governing awards, all-star games, maximum consecutive semesters of high school enrollment, parental
23 consents, physical examinations, and transfers applicable to all high school athletes. Eligibility of a
24 student who receives home instruction shall be limited to participation in interscholastic programs at the
25 school serving the attendance zone in which the student lives and shall be subject to all policies
26 governing such participation that the local school board may establish. Nothing in this section shall
27 require a local school board to establish a policy permitting participation in interscholastic programs at
28 its schools by students who reside in the school division and receive home instruction.

29 B. Reasonable fees may be charged to students who receive home instruction to cover the costs of
30 participation in such interscholastic programs, including the costs of additional insurance, uniforms, and
31 equipment.

32 2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2021.