

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.**