

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 receiving*
4 *home instruction.*

5 [H 1626]

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 receiving 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) is receiving 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 receiving 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 receiving home instruction.*

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

32 **2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2020.**