

# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 658**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1979**

**By Niceley, Lowe**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1861

By Faison, Barrett, Richey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to participation in athletic activities by home school students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3050(e)(1), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (A) and adding the following as a new subdivision:

(B) If a public school established under the jurisdiction of an LEA offers students the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletic competition without the school being a member of an organization or an association that regulates interscholastic athletic competition, then the LEA shall permit participation in interscholastic athletics at such school by home school students who are zoned to attend the school. This subdivision (e)(1)(B) does not prevent or interfere with the application and enforcement of eligibility requirements of an organization or association that regulates interscholastic athletic competition as set forth in subdivision (e)(1)(A) if the school at which the home school student desires to participate is a member of such an organization or association.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the 2024-2025 school year and each subsequent school year.


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PASSED: March 28, 2024

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR