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Abstract: Authorizes virtual school students to participate in public school activities at the public school they would otherwise attend based on their residence.

Present law prohibits a public school from disqualifying a student who lives in the school's attendance zone from participating in extracurricular activities or interscholastic athletics solely because he is enrolled in an approved home study program as defined by present law (R.S. 17:236.1). Further subjects such students to the same requirements that apply to those who attend the school relative to trying out for participation, maintaining a minimum grade point average, and complying with disciplinary standards.

Proposed law retains present law and extends allowance for participation to include virtual school students as defined by present law (R.S. 17:236.3), which includes charter schools.

Present law prohibits a public school from being a member of, or participating in any competition sponsored by, any interscholastic extracurricular athletic association or organization that denies eligibility to a student solely on the basis of his enrollment in an approved home study program. Proposed law retains present law and extends prohibition on certain affiliations with an association or organization that denies eligibility to a student solely on the basis of his enrollment in a virtual school.

(Amends R.S. 17:176.2)