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SENATE BILL NO. 198

BY SENATOR STINE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SCHOOLS. Authorizes nonpublic school students to participate in public school activities. (8/1/25)

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 17:176.3, relative to certain students participation in public school activities;
3	to provide relative to extracurricular and interscholastic activities at public schools;
4	to provide for requirements of eligibility; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 17:176.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
7	§176.3. Extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics; participation by
8	nonpublic school students
9	A. A middle school or high school student who attends a nonpublic
10	school that has been approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
11	Education may be eligible to participate in an extracurricular activity or
12	interscholastic sport at a public middle or high school, as appropriate for the
13	nonpublic school student's grade level, if the nonpublic school in which the
14	student is enrolled does not offer the extracurricular activity or interscholastic
15	sport and the student lives in the attendance zone of the public school.
16	B. The nonpublic school student shall try out or apply for
17	extracurricular activities or interscholastic athletics at the public school in the

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same manner, time, and place as the students who attend the public school.

C. If the approved nonpublic school student meets the qualifications for an extracurricular activities club or an interscholastic athletics team, the student shall be required to maintain all requirements for participation that a public school student would have to meet in order to participate in the extracurricular activity or the interscholastic athletics activity, including but not limited to maintaining a minimum grade point average and complying with disciplinary standards. Failure to meet the requirements shall be grounds for the school to remove the approved nonpublic school student from participation in the extracurricular activities club or the interscholastic athletics team.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a BESE approved nonpublic school student may be eligible to participate in an extracurricular activity or interscholastic sport if the nonpublic school the student is enrolled in does not offer the activity or sport and the student lives in the attendance zone of the public school.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires a nonpublic school student to try out or apply for a public school activity or sport in the same manner, time, and place as the public school students.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a nonpublic school student must maintain all requirements for participation that a public school student would in order to participate in the activity or sport.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that failure to meet the requirements for participation will be a cause for removing the student from the activity or team.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 17:176.3)

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