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## KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill

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An act to allow home schooled students to participate in extracurricular activities in Kentucky schools. (Tim Tebow Bill)

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill will allow any Kentucky resident that is currently home schooled to play sports or participate in any other extracurricular activity for any public or private school within their district.

Section 2: While this act allows home schooled students to participate in a school's athletic programs, it would still require the student to meet all demands and regulations of the schools rules and policies regarding eligibility. These policies include qualifications such as age eligibility, insurance, residency, physical condition, and standards of behavior and performance. It will also require the student to follow any guidelines set by the KHSAA. Provisions will be in place to prevent failing public school students from claiming that they are "home schooled" and thereby gaming the system. Regular verification reports and proof of academic performance must be submitted to the athletic director.

Section 3: This bill does not limit a homeschoolers options to only sports, but also allows them to participate in any other extracurricular activity that the school offers. These types of activities might include: clubs, musical competitions, dance, chorus, theatre, debate, academic team, etc.

Section 4: Homeschoolers will be allowed to try out for extra curricular activities and sports. They will be judged solely on their individual skills, just like any other students. If someone gets cut, it is simply due to the fact that they did not meet the requirements or comply with the rules for the extra-curricular group for which they wish to participate.

Section 5: Monetary costs to the school systems for allowing homeschooled students to participate in extracurricular activities will be non-existent or very minimal; but, there could potentially be a huge financial gain for the school due to the pool of new eligible talent resulting in higher quality competition. Parents would be responsible for transporting their kids to and from events, and the home schooled student would have to register at the school in their district. Any fees required by the school must also be paid by the home schooled students. Homeschoolers save the state a substantial amount of money. These funds could then be used to improve the education of the remaining school students.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the next academic school year starting with the 2015–2016 school year calendar.