

ENGROSSED SENATE  
CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 73

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A Concurrent Resolution providing procedure by which home schooled children will be certified as meeting requirements necessary to participate in certain competitions sponsored by the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Legislature acknowledges the desire of students who are educated at home to participate in certain competitions sponsored by the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature acknowledges that educating one's child at home is a legitimate and worthy choice for some parents; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature acknowledges that a well-educated work force is necessary to lead Oklahoma into the next millennium; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature acknowledges the significant positive impact that participation in competitive events can have on scholastic achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that participation in Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association activities is a privilege, not a right, that is afforded to students who progress academically; and

WHEREAS, the Association has specific requirements for student participation in competitions to assure that scholastic achievement remains a high priority of student participants; and

WHEREAS, students who attend Oklahoma public schools who participate in Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association activities are required to maintain a ninety percent attendance record; and

WHEREAS, students who attend Oklahoma public schools who participate in Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association activities must meet Association scholastic eligibility standards and take the curriculum required by the district board of education; and

WHEREAS, students in the public schools of Oklahoma who wish to participate in Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association activities must take the appropriate norm-referenced and criterion-referenced tests for student accountability purposes; and

WHEREAS, students who are home schooled in the State of Oklahoma have no mandatory attendance, curricular, or testing requirements; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no means by which to assure that a home schooled student is meeting the minimal attendance and scholastic eligibility criteria required of participants in Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association sponsored activities; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Legislature strongly encourages the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association to allow home schooled students to participate in nonathletic individual competitions and nonathletic group competitions, such as, but not limited to, chorus, band and debate, that are sponsored by the Association; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recommends the following procedures for determining eligibility of home schooled students to participate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recommends that the procedure by which home schooled students participate in nonathletic individual competitions and nonathletic group competitions sponsored by the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association be as follows:

1. The Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association should make available upon request information listing the nonathletic individual and nonathletic group competitions the Association sponsors;

2. The parent or legal guardian of a child who is being home schooled should certify by written affidavit submitted to the State Board of Education that the child is meeting the attendance and scholastic standards required by the Association to participate in competitions sponsored by the Association; and

3. The State Board of Education should inform the Association of home schooled students certified by their parents or legal guardian as meeting the attendance and scholastic standards necessary to participate in competitions sponsored by the Association.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the State Board of Education and the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association.

Adopted by the Senate the 19th day of May, 1998.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1998.

Speaker

of the House of  
Representatives