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**SENATE BILL 1012
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE S1012-PCS15281-RQ-28**

Short Title: Home Schoolers in Public School Prog./Study.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON THE PARTICIPATION OF HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is created the Legislative Study Committee on the Participation of Home School Students in Classes and Extracurricular Activities at Public Schools.

SECTION 2. The Committee shall consist of 12 members:

- (1) Six members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate as follows:
 - a. Three members of the Senate;
 - b. One public school principal;
 - c. One member of a local board of education; and
 - d. One representative of the Homeschool Alliance of North Carolina, Inc.
- (2) Six members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as follows:
 - a. Three members of the House of Representatives;
 - b. One public school coach; and
 - c. Two representatives of home schools or home school organizations.

SECTION 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one representative as cochair, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate one senator as cochair. Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by the same appointing authority that made the initial appointment. A quorum of the Committee shall be a majority of its members.

SECTION 4. The Committee shall study and evaluate the laws relating to the participation of home school students in extracurricular activities at public schools across North Carolina and shall make recommendations on this issue. The Committee shall study the following:

- (1) The effects of allowing home school students the ability to participate and compete in extracurricular activities such as athletics, athletic teams, academic/social clubs, marching band, drama, and other activities that local school administrative units offer as extracurricular activities.



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1 (2) The practicability of requiring home school students to adhere to the same
2 requirements as public school students concerning activity fees, standards of
3 behavior, responsibility, performance, conduct, academic standards, and
4 residency requirements.

5 (3) The insurance coverage and liabilities that the local school administrative
6 units would have as a result of allowing home school students to participate
7 in extracurricular activities.

8 **SECTION 5.** Members of the Committee shall receive per diem, subsistence, and
9 travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate. The
10 Committee, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers provided for
11 under G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Committee may meet at
12 anytime upon the joint call of the cochairs. The Committee may meet in the Legislative
13 Building or the Legislative Office Building.

14 With approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Legislative Services
15 Officer shall assign professional staff to assist the Committee in its work. The House of
16 Representatives' and the Senate's Directors of Legislative Assistants shall assign clerical staff to
17 the Committee, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne by the
18 Committee. The Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services as
19 provided by G.S. 120-32.02. If the Committee hires a consultant, the consultant shall not be a
20 State employee or a person currently under contract with the State to provide services.

21 All State departments and agencies and local governments and their subdivisions
22 shall furnish the Committee with any information in their possession or available to them.

23 **SECTION 6.** The Committee shall report the results of its study and its
24 recommendations to the 2010 Regular Session of the 2009 General Assembly. The Committee
25 shall terminate on May 1, 2010, or upon the filing of its final report, whichever occurs first.

26 **SECTION 7.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.