

HB 3293 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Education

Carrier: Rep. McLane

Action Date: 04/12/17
Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 8-1-0-0
Yeas: 8 - Doherty, Evans, Hernandez, McLain, Sollman, Sprenger, Vial, Wilson
Nays: 1 - Parrish
Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prevents school district from denying homeschooled or charter school student the right to interscholastic activities if the student places at least in the 23rd percentile of national norms based on examinations approved by the State Board of Education, or meets alternative requirements set by the school district in collaboration with the student's parent or legal guardian. Requires public charter schools pay on the student's behalf to the school district five percent of the per-student-resident average daily membership for each year the student participates in an interscholastic activity. Requires student meet all eligibility requirements except class attendance requirements and class requirements of organization that administers interscholastic activities. Requires student maintain academic eligibility to participate in interscholastic activities. Allows student to participate in interscholastic activities as they await examination results. Requires student meet attendance boundaries to participate within district. Requires student meet same behavior or performance standards related to class and meet the standards for participating on interscholastic activity squad.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Amendments were created with discussion from stakeholders, and the -2 amendment was created to accommodate concerns regarding costs
- Need and interest of charter school students playing in interscholastic sports and activities

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Requires public charter schools pay on the student's behalf to the school district five percent of the per-student-resident average daily membership for each year the student participates in an interscholastic activity.

BACKGROUND:

Other states allow charter school students the right to participate in interscholastic activities taking place at a school district. In Oklahoma, the law allows non-virtual charter schools to sign a co-op agreement with school districts allowing charter school students to play on teams. In Washington, the law allows charter schools to be eligible for district-sponsored interscholastic activities, granting the same privileges as other public schools. In Oregon, the law does not specify whether charter school students may or may not be denied participation.

House Bill 3293-A prevents school district from denying a homeschooled or charter school student the right to interscholastic activities if the student places at least in the 23rd percentile of national norms based on examinations approved by the State Board of Education, or meets alternative requirements set by the school district in collaboration with the student's parent or legal guardian