

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 875

AN ACT

To amend chapter 167, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the participation of home school students in public school activities.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section A. Chapter 167, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 167.790, to read as follows:

167.790. 1. In order to receive funds under section 163.031, no school district shall perform any action described in subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection or be a member of, or remit any funds to, any statewide activities association that:

(1) Prohibits a student who is receiving instruction at a home school, as defined in section 167.031, or a virtual school, pursuant to section 161.670, from the opportunity to participate in any event or activity offered by the school district or an attendance center of the school district in which the student resides and where the statewide activities association exercises authority, rules, or guidelines for participating in such events or activities for any reason relating to such student's home instruction or virtual instruction; or

(2) Requires a student who is receiving instruction at a home school, as defined in section 167.031, or virtual school as

a full-time equivalent student, pursuant to section 161.670, to attend the public school of residence for any portion of a school day in order to participate in any event or activity offered by the school district or an attendance center of the school district in which the student resides where the statewide activities association exercises authority, rules, or guidelines for participating in such events or activities. This subdivision shall not apply if a specific class is required for the participation and is directly related to the participation in an association activity or in a club, extracurricular activity, or sport.

2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall withhold payments under section 163.031 for any district in violation of this section. The department shall release any funds withheld under this section upon the district providing satisfactory proof to the state board of education that the school district has ceased membership in the association and has ceased remittance of any funds to such association.

3. No statewide activities association shall prohibit or restrict any school district that is a member of such association from participating in any events sanctioned, authorized, or regulated by such association with any school that is not a member of the association.