



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5609

Introduced 2/13/2026, by Rep. Travis Weaver

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.24

from Ch. 122, par. 10-20.24

Amends the School Code. Provides that a request for part-time attendance may (rather than must) be submitted by the nonpublic school parents (rather than the nonpublic school principal) to the public school at any time (rather than before May 1). Provides that the school district that the student attends part-time shall receive State funding for the pupil's participation in the public school course or program. Provides that a part-time student shall not be required to pay fees for the part-time student's enrollment or participation in any public school program or course, except to the extent that a full-time student is required to pay the same fees. Allows the parent or guardian of a child of school age who is enrolled in a nonpublic school to enroll the child in any public school in the child's district of residence on a part-time basis for interscholastic extracurricular activities. Prohibits a local school board from discriminating against a child seeking enrollment in interscholastic extracurricular activities at a public school based on where the child attends school. Provides that a part-time student may participate in any interscholastic extracurricular activity available at the public school, subject to meeting the same eligibility requirements, responsibilities, and standards of behavior and performance as a resident student. Provides that a part-time student who participates in an interscholastic extracurricular activity shall pay any participating or activity fee in an amount equal to the fee charged to a full-time public school participant. Authorizes the State Board of Education to adopt rules to implement the provisions.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 10-20.24 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.24) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-20.24)
7 Sec. 10-20.24. Part-time Attendance.

8 (a) The parent or guardian of a child of school age who is
9 enrolled in a nonpublic school shall be allowed to enroll the
10 student part-time ~~To accept in part-time attendance in the~~
11 regular education program of the district ~~pupils enrolled in~~
12 ~~nonpublic schools if there is sufficient space in the public~~
13 ~~school desired to be attended.~~ Request for part-time
14 attendance may ~~in the following school year must~~ be submitted
15 by parents ~~the nonpublic school principal~~ to the public school
16 at any time ~~before May 1.~~ Request may be made ~~only~~ to any ~~those~~
17 public school in the State ~~schools located in the district~~
18 ~~where the child attending the nonpublic school resides.~~

19 A school board shall ~~To~~ accept, pursuant to the provisions
20 of Section 14-6.01, in part-time attendance resident pupils of
21 the types described in Sections 14-1.02 through 14-1.07 who
22 are enrolled in nonpublic schools.

23 (b) The school district that the student attends part-time

1 shall receive State funding for the pupil's participation in
2 the public school course or program. A part-time student shall
3 not be required to pay fees for the part-time student's
4 enrollment or participation in any public school program or
5 course, except to the extent that a full-time student is
6 required to pay the same fees.

7 (c) The parent or guardian of a child of school age who is
8 enrolled in a nonpublic school may enroll the child in any
9 public school in the child's district of residence on a
10 part-time basis for interscholastic extracurricular
11 activities. A local school board may not discriminate against
12 a child seeking enrollment in interscholastic extracurricular
13 activities at a public school based on where the child attends
14 school.

15 (d) A part-time student seeking to participate in
16 interscholastic extracurricular activities at a public school
17 the part-time student is enrolled at under this Section may
18 participate in any interscholastic extracurricular activity
19 available at the public school, subject to meeting the same
20 eligibility requirements, responsibilities, and standards of
21 behavior and performance as a resident student. A part-time
22 student eligible under this Section who participates in an
23 interscholastic extracurricular activity under this subsection
24 shall pay any participating or activity fee in an amount equal
25 to the fee charged to a full-time public school participant.

26 (e) Nothing in this Section shall establish authority of a

1 local school district or the State Board of Education to
2 regulate an at-home private school student's education.

3 (f) No school district or interscholastic athletic
4 association may adopt or enforce rules contrary to this
5 Section.

6 (g) The State Board of Education is authorized to adopt
7 rules to implement this Section.

8 (Source: P.A. 80-1509.)