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House Bill 5133
Sponsor: Rep. Joseph Young, Jr.
Committee: Education

Complete to 10-10-91

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5133 AS INTRODUCED 9-17-91

The bill would amend the School Code to prohibit students from participating in extracurricular activities if they fail to attend for the full school day on 90 percent of the school days in any one semester. A student with an excused medical absence would be considered to be in attendance. A school district would have to check the records of transfer students to confirm their eligibility before allowing them to participate in an extracurricular activity.

The bill provides that a student would not be eligible to participate in intramural or interscholastic athletics, clubs, performing arts, or other extracurricular activities conducted or permitted by the school district during the next semester if he or she was not in attendance at school for the full school day for at least 90 percent of the school days in the previous semester. A school board and employees of the board would be prohibited from knowingly allowing a student to participate in an extracurricular activity if he or she was not eligible.

The bill would define an excused medical absence to mean that "a pupil is absent due to a medical condition, that the pupil has been instructed or advised by a health care professional not to attend school, and that the pupil has submitted to the proper school authorities a written statement signed by the health professional confirming the existence of the medical condition and the medical instructions or advice."

MCL 380.1289 and 380.1521

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