

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5479

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Clarifying transfers under the public school open enrollment program with regard to home-schooled students.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Hochstatter and Oke).

Senate Committee on Education

House Committee on Education

Background: School districts may permit the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) to regulate the conduct of interschool athletic and extracurricular activities. The WIAA must submit its rules each year for the State Board of Education's approval.

The WIAA sets the eligibility requirements for participation in interscholastic activities. Students who are receiving home-based instruction or attend approved private schools may participate in interscholastic activities in the school district where the student resides. A full-time public school student, who transfers to a nonresident school district under the open enrollment laws, must wait one year before participating in interscholastic activities in the nonresident district.

Summary: Students receiving home-based instruction may apply to transfer their registration to nonresident districts. The nonresident district must consider all applications for admission equally, including those from students receiving home-based instruction. Students receiving home-based instruction are deemed transfer students of the nonresident district.

Votes on Final Passage:

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| Senate | 47 | 0 |
| House | 96 | 0 |

Effective: July 23, 1995