

SB 208 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires schools, districts, and associations to allow charter school and virtual charter school students to participate in interscholastic athletics. Requires school districts to allow homeschooled, charter school, or virtual charter school students to participate in all interscholastic activities if the students meet all district eligibility requirements except for attendance and class requirements. Requires students either to score at or above the 23rd percentile annually on an examination from the list adopted by the State Board of Education under state law relating to home schooling or to meet alternative requirements adopted by a school district in consultation with the student's parents. Requires that students live within the attendance boundaries of the school at which they participate in interscholastic activities and that students comply with the same standards of behavior and responsibilities as other participants. Requires ineligible homeschooled, charter school, or virtual charter school students to remain ineligible for an entire school year.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Students throughout Oregon participate in 26 interscholastic activities, including athletics, choir, band, orchestra, cheerleading, and speech and debate, according to the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA). Under current law, schools must allow homeschooled students to participate in interscholastic activities, but they may deny participation to students at charter schools or virtual charter schools.