

HB 439 -- Student Participation in Extracurricular Activities

Sponsor: Webb

This bill requires the State Board of Education within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to limit, by rule, a student's participation in and practice for extracurricular activities during the school day and week, preserving the school day for academic activities without interruption, to the extent possible. Any public school student and any student who participates in an extracurricular activity or a Missouri State High School Activities Association competition will be subject to school district policies and association rules regarding participation only when under the direct supervision of a school or district employee or as otherwise specified by a school board resolution.

The bill also prohibits any student enrolled in a school district or who participates in an association competition who has received a failing grade in any course from participating in an extracurricular activity sponsored by the district or the association for the grading period following the failing grade. Participation in activities may be resumed if, upon review at the end of the next grading period, the student receives passing grades in all courses.

A student with an individualized education plan may be suspended if he or she fails to meet the requirement of his or her plan. The determination of whether the disability significantly interferes with a student's ability to meet regular academic standards must be made by the student's admission, review, and dismissal committee.