HB 857 -- SCHOOL ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION

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This bill defines "association" and "home school" and states that any public school that participates in any activity sponsored by an association must provide home school students, who reside in their attendance area, with the opportunity to participate in these activities in the same manner as the students enrolled in the school.

Home school students who participate or seek to participate are subject to the same registration, age limit, fees, insurance, transportation, physical condition, qualifications, responsibilities, event schedules, standards of behavior, and performance requirements as enrolled students.

The person who provides home school instruction to the student must certify that the student is receiving a passing grade in each course and is maintaining satisfactory advancement. The association cannot prohibit a home school student from participating (Section 167.045, RSMo).