

## 2012 SESSION

## ENGROSSED

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 947**

House Amendments in [ ] - February 7, 2012

**3 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 22.1 a section numbered  
4 22.1-7.1, relating to participation in public school interscholastic programs by nonpublic school  
5 students.**

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Bell, Robert B.

## Referred to Committee on Education

**10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

11 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 22.1 a section numbered  
12 22.1-7.1 as follows:

**13**       § 22.1-7.1. *Organizations governing public school interscholastic programs; participation by*  
**14** *nonpublic school students.*

15       A. No public school shall become a member of any organization or entity whose purpose is to  
16 regulate or govern interscholastic programs that does not deem eligible for participation a student who  
17 (i) is receiving home instruction pursuant to § 22.1-254.1, (ii) has demonstrated evidence of progress for  
18 two years in compliance with subsection C of § 22.1-254.1, (iii) is entitled to free tuition in a public  
19 school pursuant to § 22.1-3, (iv) has not reached the age of 19 by August 1 of the current school year,  
20 (v) is an amateur who receives no compensation, but participates solely for the educational, physical,  
21 mental, and social benefits of the activity, (vi) complies with all disciplinary rules applicable to all  
22 public high school athletes, and (vii) complies with all other rules governing awards, all-star games,  
23 parental consents, and physical examinations applicable to all high school athletes. Eligibility shall be  
24 limited to participation in interscholastic programs at the school serving the attendance zone in which  
25 such student lives.

**26       B. Reasonable fees may be charged to such students to cover the costs of participation in such**  
**27       interscholastic programs.**

28 [ 2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on June 30, 2017. ]