

HOUSE BILL 352

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

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AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE; ALLOWING FOR ADDITIONAL ABSENCES
FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR CERTAIN
STUDENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 22-12A-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2019,
Chapter 223, Section 10) is amended to read:

"22-12A-10. INTERSCHOLASTIC EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES--
STUDENT PARTICIPATION.--

A. A public school student shall have at least a
2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent,
either cumulatively or for the grading period immediately
preceding participation, to be eligible to participate in any
interscholastic extracurricular activity. For purposes of this
section, "grading period" is a period of time not less than six

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1 weeks. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to
2 students receiving C or D level special education services.

3 B. Except as provided in Subsection C of this
4 section, a student shall not be absent from school for
5 interscholastic extracurricular activities in excess of fifteen
6 days per semester, and no class shall be missed in excess of
7 fifteen times per semester for interscholastic extracurricular
8 activities.

9 C. A student who maintains a 3.0 grade point
10 average or better on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, either
11 cumulatively or for the grading period immediately preceding a
12 request for absence for interscholastic extracurricular
13 activities, may miss more than fifteen days or fifteen periods
14 of the same class per semester in a school year for
15 participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities if
16 approved by the student's parent, the student's teacher and the
17 school principal.

18 [~~G-~~] D. The secretary may issue a waiver relating
19 to the number of absences for participation in any state or
20 national competition that is not an interscholastic
21 extracurricular activity. The secretary shall develop a
22 procedure for petitioning cumulative provision eligibility
23 cases, similar to other eligibility situations.

24 [~~D-~~] E. Student standards for participation in
25 interscholastic extracurricular activities shall be applied

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beginning with a student's academic record in ninth grade."

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