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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; ALLOWING ADDITIONAL PROGRAM UNITS FOR CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

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

Section 1. A new section of the 1999 Charter Schools Act is enacted to read:

"CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.--

A. The New Mexico activities association and the local school board in the school district in which a charter school is located shall allow charter school students in grades seven through twelve to participate in school district extracurricular activities sanctioned by the New Mexico activities association if they meet eligibility requirements other than enrollment in a particular public school and if the charter school does not offer such activities sanctioned by the New Mexico activities association or any other association.

B. A charter school student otherwise eligible to participate in an extracurricular activity shall participate in the public school in the attendance zone in which the student lives, provided, however, that the student may choose only one public school in which to participate."