

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line 1 of the title, after "sections" insert "3313.537,"; after 1
"4731.156" insert ",," 2

In line 2 of the title, after "sections" insert "3313.5321,"; after 3
"4731.191" insert ",," 4

In line 6 of the title, delete "and" 5

In line 7 of the title, after "therapists" insert ", and to enact 6
the Student Athlete Mobility (SAM) Act regarding student petitions to 7
participate in extracurricular activities at neighboring public schools" 8

In line 8, after "sections" insert "3313.537,"; after "4731.156" 9
insert ",," 10

In line 9, after "sections" insert "3313.5321,"; after "4731.191" 11
insert ",," 12

After line 10, insert: 13

"**Sec. 3313.537.** (A) As used in this section, 14
"extracurricular activity" means a pupil activity program that a 15
school or school district operates and is not included in the 16



school district's graded course of study, including an 17
interscholastic extracurricular activity that a school or school 18
district sponsors or participates in and that has participants 19
from more than one school or school district. 20

(B) (1) A student who is enrolled in a community school 21
established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code or in a 22
science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school 23
established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code shall be 24
afforded, by the superintendent of the school district in which 25
the student is entitled to attend school under section 3313.64 26
or 3313.65 of the Revised Code, the opportunity to participate 27
in that extracurricular activity at the district school to which 28
the student otherwise would be assigned during that school year. 29
If more than one school operated by the school district serves 30
the student's grade level, as determined by the district 31
superintendent based on the student's age and academic 32
performance, the student shall be afforded the opportunity to 33
participate in that extracurricular activity at the school to 34
which the student would be assigned by the superintendent under 35
section 3319.01 of the Revised Code. 36

(2) The superintendent of any school district may afford 37
any student enrolled in community school or science, technology, 38
engineering, and mathematics school, and who is not entitled to 39
attend school in the district under section 3313.64 or 3313.65 40
of the Revised Code, the opportunity to participate in an 41
extracurricular activity offered by a school of the district, if 42
both of the following apply: 43

(a) The school in which the student is enrolled does not 44
offer the extracurricular activity. 45

(b) The Except as provided in section 3313.5321 of the 46

Revised Code, the extracurricular activity is not 47
interscholastic athletics or interscholastic contests or 48
competition in music, drama, or forensics. 49

(C) In order to participate in any extracurricular 50
activity under this section, the student shall be of the 51
appropriate age and grade level, as determined by the 52
superintendent of the district, for the school that offers the 53
extracurricular activity, and shall fulfill the same academic, 54
nonacademic, and financial requirements as any other 55
participant. 56

(D) No school district board of education shall take any 57
action contrary to the provisions of this section. 58

(E) No school or school district shall impose additional 59
rules on a student to participate under this section that do not 60
apply to other students participating in the same 61
extracurricular activity. No school or school district shall 62
impose fees for a student to participate under this section that 63
exceed any fees charged to other students participating in the 64
same extracurricular activity. 65

(F) No school district, interscholastic conference, or 66
organization that regulates interscholastic conferences or 67
events shall require a student who is eligible to participate in 68
extracurricular activities under this section to meet 69
eligibility requirements that conflict with this section. 70

Sec. 3313.5321. (A) As used in this section: 71

(1) "Community school" means a community school 72
established under Chapter 3314. Of the Revised Code. 73

(2) "Extracurricular activity" has the same meaning as in 74

<u>section 3313.537 of the Revised Code.</u>	75
<u>(3) "High school" means a school that serves any of grades nine through twelve.</u>	76 77
<u>(4) "Neighboring school" means either of the following:</u>	78
<u>(a) For a board of education, any of the following:</u>	79
<u>(i) A high school operated by the board of education other than the high school in which the student is enrolled;</u>	80 81
<u>(ii) A high school operated by a school district that directly borders the board of education's school district;</u>	82 83
<u>(iii) If the board of education's school district borders Lake Erie, a high school operated by an island school district;</u>	84 85
<u>(iv) Any other public high school that is located within the territory of either the board of education's school district or a school district that directly borders the board of education's school district.</u>	86 87 88 89
<u>(b) For a school governing body, any of the following:</u>	90
<u>(i) A high school operated by the board of education of the school district in which the other public high school is located;</u>	91 92 93
<u>(ii) A high school operated by a school district that directly borders the school district in which the other public high school is located;</u>	94 95 96
<u>(iii) A different other public high school that is located within the territory of either of the following:</u>	97 98
<u>(I) The school district in which the other public high school is located;</u>	99 100

(II) A school district that directly borders that school 101
district in which the other public high school is located. 102

(5) "Other public high school" means a community school or 103
STEM school that is a high school. 104

(6) "School governing body" means the governing authority 105
of a community school or the governing body of a STEM school. 106

(7) "STEM school" means a STEM school established under 107
Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code. 108

(B) Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, each school 109
district board of education and school governing body that 110
operates a high school that offers an extracurricular activity 111
and is a member school of an organization that regulates 112
interscholastic athletics shall adopt a policy that permits a 113
student who is enrolled in a neighboring school that does not 114
offer that extracurricular activity to petition to participate 115
in that activity at the board of education's or school governing 116
body's high school. Each policy shall include all of the 117
following: 118

(1) The form and manner in which a neighboring school 119
student may petition to participate in an extracurricular 120
activity; 121

(2) A requirement that both the superintendent of the 122
school district in which the student is enrolled and the 123
neighboring school's superintendent or chief administrative 124
officer approves the student's participation in the 125
extracurricular activity. The superintendent of the school 126
district in which the student is enrolled must also certify that 127
the student has not participated in the extracurricular 128
activity at that school district during that school year. 129

(3) A requirement that, if the student is enrolled in a 130
school district that operates multiple high schools, the student 131
must first petition to participate in an extracurricular 132
activity at another high school operated by the district if one 133
offers the activity. If a student is not approved to participate 134
in an activity at another school operated by the student's 135
district, the student may petition to participate in the 136
extracurricular activity under the policy at a high school that 137
is not operated by the student's district. 138

(C) A student shall not participate in the same 139
extracurricular activity under this section at more than one 140
high school operated by a school district or other public high 141
school in any one school year. 142

(D) If a high school operated by a school district or 143
other public high school participates in any regular season 144
contest for an extracurricular activity and subsequently ceases 145
offering that activity before the conclusion of the activity's 146
season, a student enrolled in that school is not eligible to 147
petition to participate in that activity under this section 148
until the next school year. 149

(E) A student is not eligible to petition to participate 150
in an extracurricular activity under this section solely because 151
the school in which the student is enrolled does not offer the 152
competition level at which the student wishes to participate, 153
such as a varsity, junior varsity, or freshman team. 154

(F) A board of education or school governing body that 155
operates a high school and is a member school of an organization 156
that regulates interscholastic athletics may partner with a 157
neighboring school to establish a single team for an activity if 158
neither school has a sufficient number of students willing to 159

participate in the extracurricular activity. A sufficient number 160
of students shall mean the sum of: 161

(the minimum number of students required for competition 162
in an extracurricular activity during play) + (half of that 163
number, rounded up to the nearest whole). 164

(G) In order to participate in any extracurricular 165
activity under this section, the student shall be of the 166
appropriate age and grade level, as determined by the 167
superintendent of the district, at the school that offers the 168
extracurricular activity, and shall fulfill the same academic, 169
nonacademic, and financial requirements as any other 170
participant, including trying out for a position on any 171
activity." 172

In line 1916, after "sections" insert "3313.537,"; after "4731.156"
insert "," 173
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After line 1919, insert: 175

"Section 4. The amendment or enactment of sections 176
3313.537 and 3313.5321 of the Revised Code by this act shall be 177
known as the Student Athlete Mobility (SAM) Act." 178

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS 179

Student Athlete Mobility (SAM) Act 180

R.C. 3313.537 and 3313.5321; Section 4 181

Requires the governing bodies of certain public high 182

schools to adopt a policy that permits a student enrolled in a 183
neighboring public high school that does not offer that 184
extracurricular activity to petition to participate in that 185
extracurricular activity at its high school, beginning with the 186
2026-2027 school year. 187

Applies the requirement to each public high school that 188
(1) offers an extracurricular activity and (2) is a member of an 189
organization that regulates interscholastic athletics. 190

Prohibits a student from participating in the same 191
extracurricular activity at more than one high school operated 192
by a school district or other public high school in any one 193
school year. 194

Permits public high schools that are members of an 195
organization that regulates interscholastic athletics to partner 196
with a neighboring school to establish a single team if neither 197
school has a sufficient number of students willing to 198
participate in the activity. 199

In order to participate in an extracurricular activity, 200
requires the student to be of the appropriate age and grade 201
level, as determined by the superintendent of the district, at 202
the school that offers the extracurricular activity, and fulfill 203
the same academic, nonacademic, and financial requirements as 204
any other participant, including trying out for a position on 205
the activity. 206

Entitles the provisions of the bill related to sports 207
participation as the "Student Athlete Mobility" (SAM) Act. 208