

A bill for an act
relating to education; ensuring students' ability to participate in league-sponsored
activities after completing licensed treatment programs; amending Minnesota
Statutes 2006, section 128C.02, subdivision 5.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 128C.02, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Rules for open enrollees.** (a) The league shall adopt league rules and
regulations governing the athletic participation of pupils attending school in a nonresident
district under section 124D.03.

(b) Notwithstanding other law or league rule or regulation to the contrary, when a
student enrolls in or is readmitted to a recovery-focused high school after successfully
completing a licensed program for treatment of alcohol or substance abuse, mental illness,
or emotional disturbance, the student is immediately eligible to participate on the same
basis as other district students in the league-sponsored activities of the student's resident
school district. Nothing in this paragraph prohibits the league or school district from
enforcing a league or district penalty resulting from the student violating a league or
district rule.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.