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Bill No. 2506

Proponent

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I'd like to take this opportunity to give you a real life example of how the current 2023 KSHSAA legislation is effecting me as an 8th grade student. Per KSHSAA's current policy virtual students can participate in activities in their home districts IF they attend one class at their local public school. I was extremely excited to hear this. However, upon digging deeper, I realized this isn't truly the case because of the funding formula. If I attend one 60 minute class at the public school the funding for his virtual school is practically cut in half. It's not prorated by time attended at each of the schools. Maize Virtual Preparatory School is a fantastic school. I understand the financial needs they have and the inability to allow dual enrollment. I don't think schools such as these should have to be put in the situation to even make this determination.

I believe I am a gifted track athlete that could not only benefit from being allowed to compete at our local school but the school track program would also benefit from having a nationally ranked athlete participating in their program. Homeschool students are already allowed to participate in these activities without taking any classes at the local schools. We are asking for the same opportunity. Please don't limit the opportunities me and other students have to grow the talent and gifts God has given them due to this unfair funding formula.

I ask you to please change this unfair funding formula. Virtual students deserve the same opportunities as all other students.

Respectfully,

Jett Reeves