

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to interscholastic sports; providing a
 3 short title; amending s. 1006.15, F.S.; revising the
 4 criteria under which a charter school student may
 5 participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities
 6 of a public school; providing for certain private school
 7 students to participate in interscholastic sports at a
 8 public school under certain conditions; providing
 9 criteria; providing for a public school student to
 10 participate in interscholastic sports at another public
 11 school; providing criteria; providing an effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 15 Section 1. This act may be cited as "Erin's Law."

16 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section
 17 1006.15, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraphs (e) and
 18 (f) are added to that subsection, to read:

19 1006.15 Student standards for participation in
 20 interscholastic extracurricular student activities;
 21 regulation.--

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23 (d) An individual charter school student pursuant to s.
 24 1002.33 is eligible to participate at the public school to which
 25 the student would be assigned according to district school board
 26 attendance area policies or which the student could choose to
 27 attend, pursuant to district or interdistrict controlled open-
 28 enrollment provisions, in any interscholastic extracurricular

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29 activity of that school, unless such activity is provided by the
30 student's charter school, if the following conditions are met:

31 1. The charter school student must meet the requirements
32 of the charter school education program as determined by the
33 charter school governing board.

34 2. During the period of participation at a school, the
35 charter school student must demonstrate educational progress by
36 maintaining the grade point average required by this section and
37 passing each class for which he or she is enrolled ~~as required~~
38 ~~in paragraph (b)~~.

39 3. The charter school student must meet the same residency
40 requirements as other students in the school at which he or she
41 participates.

42 4. The charter school student must meet the same standards
43 of acceptance, behavior, and performance that are required of
44 other students in extracurricular activities.

45 5. The charter school student must register with the
46 school his or her intent to participate in interscholastic
47 extracurricular activities as a representative of the school
48 before the beginning date of the season for the activity in
49 which he or she wishes to participate. A charter school student
50 must be able to participate in curricular activities if that is
51 a requirement for an extracurricular activity.

52 6. A student who transfers from a charter school program
53 to a traditional public school before or during the first
54 grading period of the school year is academically eligible to
55 participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities during
56 the first grading period if the student has a successful

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57 | evaluation from the previous school year, pursuant to
58 | subparagraph 2.

59 | 7. Any public school or private school student who has
60 | been unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation
61 | in interscholastic extracurricular activities is ineligible to
62 | participate in such activities as a charter school student until
63 | the student has successfully completed one grading period in a
64 | charter school pursuant to subparagraph 2. to become eligible to
65 | participate as a charter school student.

66 | (e) A private school student is eligible to participate in
67 | interscholastic sports at the public school to which the student
68 | would be assigned according to the district school board's
69 | attendance area policies or at a public school that the student
70 | could choose to attend under district or interdistrict
71 | controlled open enrollment provisions if all of the following
72 | conditions are met:

73 | 1. The private school student meets the requirements of
74 | the private school program pursuant to s. 1002.42.

75 | 2. The private school in which the student is enrolled
76 | does not offer the interscholastic sports in which the student
77 | would participate at the public school.

78 | 3. During the period of participation at the public
79 | school, the private school student demonstrates educational
80 | progress by maintaining the grade point average required by this
81 | section and passing each class for which he or she is enrolled
82 | in the private school program as confirmed by a transcript from
83 | the private school. If the private school student is unable to
84 | maintain academic eligibility for participating in

85 interscholastic sports, the student is ineligible to participate
86 in such activities until he or she successfully completes one
87 grading period in all subjects taken in the private school
88 program.

89 4. The private school student meets the same residency
90 requirements as other students in the school at which he or she
91 participates.

92 5. The private school student meets the same standards of
93 acceptance, behavior, and performance as required of other
94 students participating in interscholastic sports at the public
95 school.

96 6. The private school student registers with the public
97 school his or her intent to participate in interscholastic
98 sports as a representative of the school before the beginning
99 date of the season for the activity in which he or she wishes to
100 participate; however, the private school student must be able to
101 participate in curricular activities if that is a requirement
102 for interscholastic sports. A student who transfers from a
103 private school program to a public school before or during the
104 first grading period of the school year is academically eligible
105 to participate in interscholastic sports during the first
106 grading period if the student meets the requirements of
107 subparagraph 3. from the previous school year.

108 7. The private school in which the student is enrolled
109 provides an affidavit to the public school which states that the
110 private school:

111 a. Does not offer the interscholastic sports in which the
112 student would participate at the public school; and

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113 b. Did not offer the interscholastic sports in which the
114 student would participate in during the prior academic year.

115 (f) A public school student is eligible to participate at
116 another public school in the student's school attendance area in
117 any interscholastic sports of that school if all of the
118 following conditions are met:

119 1. The public school in which the student is enrolled does
120 not offer the interscholastic sports in which the student would
121 participate at the public school.

122 2. During the period of participation at the school, the
123 student demonstrates educational progress as required in
124 paragraph (a).

125 3. The public school in which the student is enrolled is
126 in the same school district as that in which the student intends
127 to participate in the interscholastic sports under this section.

128 4. The student meets the same standards of acceptance,
129 behavior, and performance as required of other students in
130 interscholastic sports.

131 5. The student registers with the school his or her intent
132 to participate in interscholastic sports as a representative of
133 the school before the beginning date of the season for the
134 activity in which he or she wishes to participate. A student
135 must be able to participate in curricular activities if that is
136 a requirement for interscholastic sports.

137 6. A student who transfers from the school in which he or
138 she is enrolled to another public school before or during the
139 first grading period of the school year is academically eligible
140 to participate in interscholastic sports during the first

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141 grading period if the student has a successful evaluation from
142 the previous school year pursuant to subparagraph 2.

143 7. Any public school student who has been unable to
144 maintain academic eligibility for participation in
145 interscholastic sports is ineligible to participate in such
146 activities until the student has successfully completed one
147 grading period in the student's home school pursuant to
148 subparagraph 2. to become eligible to participate.

149 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.