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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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04/15/2015	.	
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The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Montford) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Substitute for Amendment (783286) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete everything after the enacting clause
5 and insert:

6 Section 1. High School Athletics Task Force.—

7 (1) There is created the High School Athletics Task Force,
8 a task force as defined in s. 20.03, Florida Statutes, within
9 the Department of Education to be staffed by the Office of
10 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability and



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11 monitored by the Department of Education. The task force shall
12 review issues concerning the governance and operation of the
13 Florida High School Athletic Association. The task force shall
14 make recommendations that allow equal access to all students to
15 athletic programs and preserve the integrity of this state's
16 interscholastic athletic programs. The recommendations of the
17 task force shall address the following:

18 (a) Defining school choice in athletic programs in
19 Florida's K-12 education institutions.

20 (b) Streamlining the existing appeals process to ensure
21 faster resolutions to appeals.

22 (c) Clarifying rules governing student transfers.

23 (d) Strengthening the association's governance structure.

24 (e) Identifying and clarifying the purpose for and
25 expenditure of dues, fees, and fines assessed by the
26 association.

27 (f) Defining the association's investigative procedures and
28 penalties.

29 (g) Strengthening communication between the association and
30 all stakeholders.

31 (h) Analyzing the implementation and impact of the
32 recommendations from the Student Athlete Recruiting Task Force
33 established in 2006 on athletics in schools and any subsequent
34 legislative or rule changes.

35 (i) Making any other recommendations that the task force
36 determines are necessary to strengthen student athletics in the
37 K-12 education system.

38 (2) The task force shall consist of 13 representatives from
39 home school and public and private secondary schools who are



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40 directly involved in athletics in the K-12 education system. The
41 chair of the task force shall convene meetings as needed and
42 ensure that the recommendations are completed and forwarded to
43 the Governor and the Legislature in a timely manner. The task
44 force members shall be appointed as follows:

45 (a) Four representatives appointed by the President of the
46 Senate.

47 (b) Four representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
48 House of Representatives.

49 (c) Five representatives appointed by the Governor, one of
50 whom shall be appointed chair of the task force.

51 (3) Members of the task force shall serve without
52 compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and
53 travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

54 (4) The task force shall hold its initial meeting by June
55 1, 2015, and shall submit its recommendations to the Governor,
56 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
57 Representatives by January 1, 2016. Upon submission of the
58 report, the task force shall expire.

59 Section 2. For the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the sum of
60 \$60,000 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the
61 Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability
62 to support the work of the High School Athletics Task Force.

63 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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65 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

66 And the title is amended as follows:

67 Delete everything before the enacting clause
68 and insert:



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69 A bill to be entitled
70 An act relating to student extracurricular activities;
71 creating the High School Athletics Task Force;
72 specifying the duties and membership of the task
73 force; providing that the task force members are
74 entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel
75 expenses; requiring the task force to submit an
76 initial report to the Governor and the Legislature by
77 a specified date; providing for expiration of the task
78 force; providing an appropriation; providing an
79 effective date.