

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Stargel

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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to extracurricular activities;  
3 amending s. 1006.20, F.S.; providing for review of the  
4 FHSAA's performance of duties; providing requirements  
5 regarding fees and admission prices; revising  
6 provisions regarding eligibility and transfer;  
7 providing procedures for resolving student eligibility  
8 disputes; requiring the Florida High School Athletic  
9 Association (FHSAA) to adopt guidelines, provide  
10 resources, and develop training courses relating to  
11 sports ethics; providing that member schools must meet  
12 certain requirements relating to the sports ethics  
13 guidelines, resources, and training courses provided  
14 by the FHSAA; revising the governing structure of the  
15 FHSAA; deleting provisions relating to the FHSAA's  
16 board of directors, representative assembly, public  
17 liaison advisory committee, and appeals committees;  
18 deleting requirements with respect to amendments to  
19 the FHSAA's bylaws; amending s. 1006.15, F.S.;  
20 establishing guiding principles for extracurricular  
21 activities; providing definitions; revising academic  
22 eligibility requirements; specifying grounds for  
23 student ineligibility for participation in  
24 interscholastic athletics; specifying conditions under  
25 which students who are enrolled in public schools,  
26 certain private schools, or home education programs  
27 may participate in the extracurricular activities of a  
28 public school; deleting obsolete provisions; amending  
29 s. 1006.16, F.S.; revising insurance requirements to

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30 include students who participate in nonathletic  
31 extracurricular activities; requiring that insurance  
32 coverage provided by district school boards for  
33 participants in extracurricular activities include  
34 certain students; amending s. 1006.19, F.S.; providing  
35 a period within which an audit of a nonprofit  
36 association's records must be provided to the Auditor  
37 General; requiring the Auditor General to conduct  
38 operational audits of the nonprofit association's  
39 accounts and records; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.;  
40 conforming cross-references; revising provisions  
41 related to participation in extracurricular  
42 activities; amending ss. 1002.33, F.S.; conforming  
43 cross-references; providing an effective date.  
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45 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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47 Section 1. Section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
48 read:

49 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

50 (1) GOVERNING NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION ~~ORGANIZATION~~.—The  
51 Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) is designated  
52 ~~as~~ the governing nonprofit association for purposes of  
53 membership in the National Federation of State High School  
54 Associations ~~organization of athletics in Florida public~~  
55 ~~schools.~~ Following completion of each operational audit  
56 conducted pursuant to s. 1006.19, the Commissioner of Education  
57 shall review the FHSAA's performance in governing  
58 interscholastic athletics in compliance with this part,

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59 including the guiding principles for student eligibility for  
60 extracurricular activities. If, at any time, the FHSAA fails to  
61 meet the provisions of this part section, the commissioner, with  
62 the approval of the State Board of Education, shall designate  
63 another a nonprofit association organization to govern  
64 interscholastic athletics in this state and serve as Florida's  
65 voting member association of the National Federation of State  
66 High School Associations ~~athletics with the approval of the~~  
67 ~~State Board of Education.~~ The FHSAA is not a state agency as  
68 defined in s. 120.52 but is. ~~The FHSAA shall be subject to ss.~~  
69 1006.15-1006.19. Any special event fees, sanctioning fees,  
70 including third-party sanctioning fees, or contest receipts  
71 collected annually by the FHSAA may not exceed its actual costs  
72 to perform the function or duty that is the subject of or  
73 justification for the fee ~~the provisions of s. 1006.19.~~ The  
74 FHSAA shall offer spectators seeking admission to athletic  
75 competitions the option of purchasing a single-day pass or a  
76 multiple-day pass that is at a cost below that which one would  
77 pay on a per-event basis for the same number of contests A  
78 ~~private school that wishes to engage in high school athletic~~  
79 ~~competition with a public high school may become a member of the~~  
80 ~~FHSAA.~~ Any high school in the state, including private schools,  
81 traditional public schools, charter schools, virtual schools,  
82 and home education cooperatives, may become a member of the  
83 FHSAA and participate in the activities of the FHSAA. ~~However,~~  
84 Membership in the FHSAA is not mandatory for any school. FHSAA  
85 shall allow a school the option of joining the association as a  
86 full-time member or on a per sport basis and may not prohibit or  
87 discourage any school from simultaneously maintaining membership

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88 in FHSAA and another athletic association. The FHSAA may not  
 89 deny or discourage interscholastic competition between its  
 90 member schools and nonmember ~~non-FHSAA member~~ Florida schools,  
 91 including members of another athletic association ~~governing~~  
 92 ~~organization~~, and may not take any retributory or discriminatory  
 93 action against any of its member schools that participate in  
 94 interscholastic competition with nonmember ~~non-FHSAA member~~  
 95 Florida schools. The FHSAA may not unreasonably withhold its  
 96 approval of an application to become an affiliate member of the  
 97 National Federation of State High School Associations submitted  
 98 by any other association ~~organization~~ that governs  
 99 interscholastic athletic competition in this state which meets  
 100 the requirements of this section. The commissioner may identify  
 101 other associations that govern interscholastic athletic  
 102 competition in compliance with this section ~~The bylaws of the~~  
 103 ~~FHSAA are the rules by which high school athletic programs in~~  
 104 ~~its member schools, and the students who participate in them,~~  
 105 ~~are governed, unless otherwise specifically provided by statute.~~  
 106 For the purposes of this section, "high school" includes grades  
 107 6 through 12.

108 (2) STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; RECRUITING ADOPTION  
 109 ~~OF BYLAWS, POLICIES; ELIGIBILITY DISPUTE RESOLUTION, OR~~  
 110 ~~GUIDELINES.~~ The FHSAA shall:

111 (a) ~~The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that, unless specifically~~  
 112 ~~provided by statute,~~ Establish eligibility requirements for all  
 113 students who participate in high school athletic competition in  
 114 its member schools. A ~~The bylaws governing residence and~~  
 115 ~~transfer shall allow the student~~ is to be eligible in the school  
 116 in which he or she first enrolls each school year or the school

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117 in which the student makes himself or herself a candidate for an  
118 athletic team by engaging in a practice before ~~prior to~~  
119 enrolling in the school. A student who transfers ~~The bylaws~~  
120 ~~shall also allow the student to be eligible in the school to~~  
121 ~~which the student has transferred~~ during the school year is  
122 eligible in the school to which he or she transfers ~~if the~~  
123 ~~transfer is made by a deadline established by the FHSAA, which~~  
124 ~~may not be prior to the date authorized for the beginning of~~  
125 ~~practice for the sport. These transfers shall be allowed~~  
126 ~~pursuant to the district school board policies in the case of~~  
127 ~~transfer to a public school or pursuant to the private school~~  
128 ~~policies in the case of transfer to a private school. The~~  
129 ~~student shall be eligible in that school so long as he or she~~  
130 ~~remains enrolled in that school. Subsequent eligibility shall be~~  
131 ~~determined and enforced through the FHSAA's bylaws. Requirements~~  
132 ~~governing eligibility and transfer between member schools shall~~  
133 ~~be applied similarly to public school students and private~~  
134 ~~school students.~~

135 (b) ~~The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that specifically~~ Prohibit  
136 the recruiting of students for athletic purposes and. ~~The bylaws~~  
137 ~~shall prescribe penalties and an appeals process for athletic~~  
138 ~~recruiting violations. If it is determined that a school has~~  
139 ~~recruited a student in violation of FHSAA bylaws,~~ the FHSAA may  
140 require the school to participate in a higher classification for  
141 the sport in which the recruited student competes for a minimum  
142 of one classification cycle, in addition to any other  
143 appropriate fine and sanction imposed on the school, its  
144 coaches, or adult representatives who commit ~~violate~~ recruiting  
145 violations ~~rules~~. A student may ~~not~~ be declared ineligible based

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146 on a recruiting violation only if of recruiting rules unless the  
147 student or parent has committed an act specified in s.  
148 1006.15(4)(b)1.b. or the FHSAA has imposed sanctions against the  
149 individuals or member school engaging in recruiting and the  
150 student or the parent has committed an act specified in s.  
151 1006.15(4)(b)1.c. The FHSAA may not limit the competition of a  
152 student athlete prospectively for a rule violation by his or her  
153 school, the school's coach, or the student athlete's adult  
154 representative. The FHSAA may not punish a student athlete for  
155 an eligibility or recruiting violation perpetrated by a  
156 teammate, coach, or administrator. A contest may not be  
157 forfeited for an inadvertent eligibility violation unless the  
158 coach or a school administrator should have known of the  
159 violation. Contests may not be forfeited for other eligibility  
160 violations or recruiting violations in excess of the number of  
161 contests from which the coaches and adult representatives  
162 responsible for the violations are prospectively suspended. The  
163 mass distribution of untargeted mailings, electronic mailings,  
164 or printed guides or booklets by or on behalf of a member school  
165 which include detailed information regarding the member school's  
166 interscholastic athletic programs may not be considered  
167 violations of the FHSAA's policies ~~falsified any enrollment or~~  
168 ~~eligibility document or accepted any benefit or any promise of~~  
169 ~~benefit if such benefit is not generally available to the~~  
170 ~~school's students or family members or is based in any way on~~  
171 ~~athletic interest, potential, or performance.~~

172 (c) ~~The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that~~ Require all students  
173 participating in interscholastic athletic competition or who are  
174 candidates for an interscholastic athletic team to

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175 satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year before ~~prior~~  
176 ~~to~~ participating in interscholastic athletic competition or  
177 engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, or other physical  
178 activity associated with the student's candidacy for an  
179 interscholastic athletic team. Such medical evaluation may be  
180 administered only by a practitioner licensed under chapter 458,  
181 chapter 459, chapter 460, or s. 464.012, and in good standing  
182 with the practitioner's regulatory board. The FHSAA ~~bylaws~~ shall  
183 establish requirements for eliciting a student's medical history  
184 and performing the medical evaluation required under this  
185 paragraph, which shall include a physical assessment of the  
186 student's physical capabilities to participate in  
187 interscholastic athletic competition as contained in a uniform  
188 preparticipation physical evaluation and history form. The  
189 evaluation form shall incorporate the recommendations of the  
190 American Heart Association for participation in cardiovascular  
191 screening and shall provide a place for the signature of the  
192 practitioner performing the evaluation with an attestation that  
193 each examination procedure listed on the form was performed by  
194 the practitioner or by someone under the direct supervision of  
195 the practitioner. The form shall also contain a place for the  
196 practitioner to indicate if a referral to another practitioner  
197 was made in lieu of completion of a certain examination  
198 procedure. The form shall provide a place for the practitioner  
199 to whom the student was referred to complete the remaining  
200 sections and attest to that portion of the examination. The  
201 preparticipation physical evaluation form shall advise students  
202 to complete a cardiovascular assessment and shall include  
203 information concerning alternative cardiovascular evaluation and

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204 diagnostic tests. Results of such medical evaluation must be  
205 provided to the school. A ~~No~~ student is not ~~shall be~~ eligible to  
206 participate in any interscholastic athletic competition or  
207 engage in any practice, tryout, workout, or other physical  
208 activity associated with the student's candidacy for an  
209 interscholastic athletic team until the results of the medical  
210 evaluation are ~~have been~~ received and approved by the school.

211 (d) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ paragraph (c), allow  
212 a student to ~~may~~ participate in interscholastic athletic  
213 competition or be a candidate for an interscholastic athletic  
214 team if the parent of the student objects in writing to the  
215 student undergoing a medical evaluation because such evaluation  
216 is contrary to his or her religious tenets or practices.  
217 However, in such case, there shall be no liability on the part  
218 of any person or entity in a position to otherwise rely on the  
219 results of such medical evaluation for any damages resulting  
220 from the student's injury or death arising directly from the  
221 student's participation in interscholastic athletics where an  
222 undisclosed medical condition that would have been revealed in  
223 the medical evaluation is a proximate cause of the injury or  
224 death.

225 (e) ~~The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that~~ Regulate persons who  
226 conduct investigations on behalf of the FHSAA. ~~The bylaws shall~~  
227 ~~include provisions that require~~ An investigator must ~~to~~:

228 1. Undergo level 2 background screening under s. 435.04,  
229 establishing that the investigator has not committed any  
230 disqualifying offense listed in s. 435.04, unless the  
231 investigator can provide proof of compliance with level 2  
232 screening standards submitted within the previous 5 years to



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233 meet any professional licensure requirements, provided:

234 a. The investigator has not had a break in service from a  
235 position that requires level 2 screening for more than 90 days;  
236 and

237 b. The investigator submits, under penalty of perjury, an  
238 affidavit verifying that the investigator has not committed any  
239 disqualifying offense listed in s. 435.04 and is in full  
240 compliance with this paragraph.

241 2. Be appointed as an investigator by the FHSAA ~~executive~~  
242 ~~director~~.

243 3. Carry a photo identification card that shows the FHSAA  
244 name and ~~logo~~ and the investigator's official title.

245 4. Adhere to the following guidelines:

246 a. Investigate only those alleged violations assigned by  
247 the FHSAA ~~executive director or the board of directors~~.

248 b. Conduct interviews on Monday through Friday between the  
249 hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. only, unless previously agreed to by  
250 the interviewee.

251 c. Allow the parent of any student being interviewed to be  
252 present during the interview.

253 d. Search residences or other private areas only with the  
254 permission of the FHSAA ~~executive director~~ and the written  
255 consent of the student's parent and only with a parent or a  
256 representative of the parent present.

257 (f) ~~The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that~~ Establish sanctions  
258 for coaches who have committed major violations ~~of the FHSAA's~~  
259 ~~bylaws and policies~~.

260 1. Major violations include, but are not limited to,  
261 knowingly allowing an ineligible student to participate in a

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262 contest representing a member school in an interscholastic  
263 contest or committing a violation of the FHSAA's recruiting or  
264 sports ethics ~~sportsmanship~~ policies.

265 2. Sanctions placed upon an individual coach may include,  
266 but are not limited to, prohibiting or suspending the coach from  
267 coaching, participating in, or attending any athletic activity  
268 sponsored, recognized, or sanctioned by the FHSAA and the member  
269 school for which the coach committed the violation. If a coach  
270 is sanctioned by the FHSAA and the coach transfers to another  
271 member school, those sanctions remain in full force and effect  
272 during the term of the sanction.

273 3. If a member school is assessed a financial penalty as a  
274 result of a coach committing a major violation, the coach shall  
275 reimburse the member school before being allowed to coach,  
276 participate in, or attend any athletic activity sponsored,  
277 recognized, or sanctioned by the FHSAA and a member school.

278 4. The FHSAA shall establish a due process procedure for  
279 coaches sanctioned under this paragraph, ~~consistent with the~~  
280 ~~appeals procedures set forth in subsection (7).~~

281 (g) Provide a process for the resolution of student  
282 eligibility disputes. The FHSAA shall provide an opportunity to  
283 resolve eligibility issues through an informal conference  
284 procedure. The FHSAA must provide written notice to the student  
285 athlete, parent, and member school stating specific findings of  
286 fact that support a determination of ineligibility. The student  
287 athlete must request an informal conference if he or she intends  
288 to contest the charges. The informal conference must be held  
289 within 10 days after receipt of the student athlete's request.  
290 If the eligibility dispute is not resolved at the informal

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291 conference, the FHSAA shall provide a process for the timely and  
292 cost-effective resolution of an eligibility dispute using a  
293 neutral third party, including the use of retired or former  
294 judges, mediation, or arbitration. The neutral third party shall  
295 be selected by the parent of the student athlete from a list  
296 maintained by the FHSAA. A final determination regarding the  
297 eligibility dispute must be issued no later than 30 days after  
298 the informal conference. ~~The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws~~  
299 ~~establishing the process for resolving eligibility disputes must~~  
300 ~~and standards by which FHSAA determinations of eligibility are~~  
301 ~~made. Such bylaws shall provide that:~~

302 1. Ineligibility must be established by clear and  
303 convincing evidence.†

304 2. Student athletes, parents, and schools must have notice  
305 of the initiation of any investigation or other inquiry into  
306 eligibility and may present, to the investigator and to the  
307 individual or body making the eligibility determination, any  
308 information or evidence that is credible, persuasive, and of a  
309 kind reasonably prudent persons rely upon in the conduct of  
310 serious affairs.†

311 3. An investigator may not determine matters of eligibility  
312 but must submit information and evidence to the individual or  
313 body designated by the FHSAA ~~executive director or a person~~  
314 ~~designated by the executive director or by the board of~~  
315 ~~directors~~ for an unbiased and objective determination of  
316 eligibility.† ~~and~~

317 4. A determination of ineligibility must be made in  
318 writing, setting forth the findings of fact and specific  
319 violation upon which the decision is based.

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320 5. Any proceedings concerning student athlete eligibility  
321 must be held in the county in which the student athlete resides  
322 and may be conducted by telephone, videoconference, or other  
323 electronic means.

324 6. A student athlete may not be declared ineligible to  
325 participate in athletic competition until a final decision is  
326 issued by the neutral third party unless the determination of  
327 ineligibility is based on s. 1006.15(4)(b)1.a., e., or f. It is  
328 the responsibility of the member school to assess the facts  
329 underlying the eligibility dispute and any potential penalties  
330 that may result from a determination of ineligibility in  
331 deciding whether to allow the student athlete to continue to  
332 participate before a final eligibility determination.

333 ~~(h) In lieu of bylaws adopted under paragraph (g), the~~  
334 ~~FHSAA may adopt bylaws providing as a minimum the procedural~~  
335 ~~safeguards of ss. 120.569 and 120.57, making appropriate~~  
336 ~~provision for appointment of unbiased and qualified hearing~~  
337 ~~officers.~~

338 ~~(i) The FHSAA bylaws may not limit the competition of~~  
339 ~~student athletes prospectively for rule violations of their~~  
340 ~~school or its coaches or their adult representatives. The FHSAA~~  
341 ~~bylaws may not unfairly punish student athletes for eligibility~~  
342 ~~or recruiting violations perpetrated by a teammate, coach, or~~  
343 ~~administrator. Contests may not be forfeited for inadvertent~~  
344 ~~eligibility violations unless the coach or a school~~  
345 ~~administrator should have known of the violation. Contests may~~  
346 ~~not be forfeited for other eligibility violations or recruiting~~  
347 ~~violations in excess of the number of contests that the coaches~~  
348 ~~and adult representatives responsible for the violations are~~

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349 ~~prospectively suspended.~~

350 (h) ~~(j)~~ ~~The FHSAA shall~~ Adopt guidelines to educate athletic  
351 coaches, officials, administrators, and student athletes and  
352 their parents about ~~of~~ the nature and risk of concussion and  
353 head injury.

354 (i) ~~(k)~~ ~~The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws or policies that~~  
355 Require the parent of a student who is participating in  
356 interscholastic athletic competition or who is a candidate for  
357 an interscholastic athletic team to sign and return an informed  
358 consent that explains the nature and risk of concussion and head  
359 injury, including the risk of continuing to play after  
360 concussion or head injury, each year before participating in  
361 interscholastic athletic competition or engaging in any  
362 practice, tryout, workout, or other physical activity associated  
363 with the student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic  
364 team.

365 (j) ~~(l)~~ ~~The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws or policies that~~  
366 Require each student athlete who is suspected of sustaining a  
367 concussion or head injury in a practice or competition to be  
368 immediately removed from the activity. A student athlete who has  
369 been removed from an activity may not return to practice or  
370 competition until the student submits to the school a written  
371 medical clearance to return stating that the student athlete no  
372 longer exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a  
373 concussion or other head injury. Medical clearance must be  
374 authorized by the appropriate health care practitioner trained  
375 in the diagnosis, evaluation, and management of concussions as  
376 defined by the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee of the Florida  
377 High School Athletic Association.

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378 ~~(k) (m) Establish~~ The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws for the  
379 establishment and duties of a sports medicine advisory committee  
380 composed of the following members:

381 1. Eight physicians licensed under chapter 458 or chapter  
382 459, with at least one member licensed under chapter 459.

383 2. One chiropractor licensed under chapter 460.

384 3. One podiatrist licensed under chapter 461.

385 4. One dentist licensed under chapter 466.

386 5. Three athletic trainers licensed under part XIII of  
387 chapter 468.

388 6. One member who is a current or retired head coach of a  
389 high school in the state.

390 (l) Adopt guidelines, provide resources, and develop a  
391 training course to promote sports ethics in interscholastic  
392 athletics and require each member school to:

393 1. Establish policies that promote sports ethics in its  
394 interscholastic athletic programs.

395 2. Educate, on a continuing basis, student athletes,  
396 athletic coaches, and administrators regarding these policies.

397 3. Annually administer the sports ethics training course to  
398 student athletes, athletic coaches, and administrators.

399 4. Annually certify compliance with this paragraph by a  
400 deadline established by the FHSAA.

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402 In developing the sports ethics training course, the FHSAA may  
403 provide for multiple modes of delivery, including in-person  
404 seminars or videoconferencing, webinars, or other electronic  
405 means.

406 (3) GOVERNING STRUCTURE OF THE FHSAA.-

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407 (a) The FHSAA shall operate as a representative democracy  
408 in which the sovereign authority is within its member schools  
409 and the parents of students participating in interscholastic  
410 athletics within those schools. ~~Except as provided in this~~  
411 ~~section, the FHSAA shall govern its affairs through its bylaws.~~

412 (b) Each member school, on its annual application for  
413 membership, shall name its official representative to the FHSAA.  
414 This representative must be either the school principal or his  
415 or her designee. That designee must either be an assistant  
416 principal or athletic director housed within that same school.

417 (c) The governing board of the FHSAA shall consist of 16  
418 members composed proportionately of representatives from  
419 traditional public schools, public schools of choice, private  
420 schools, home education cooperatives, and parents of student  
421 athletes who are enrolled in such schools or programs. The  
422 governing board must also be constituted in a manner that  
423 provides for equitable representation among the various regions  
424 of the state where the association's member schools are located.  
425 Any additional policymaking body established by the FHSAA must  
426 provide for proportionate representation of schools, programs,  
427 parents, and regions of the state as described in this paragraph  
428 ~~FHSAA's membership shall be divided along existing county lines~~  
429 ~~into four contiguous and compact administrative regions, each~~  
430 ~~containing an equal or nearly equal number of member schools to~~  
431 ~~ensure equitable representation on the FHSAA's board of~~  
432 ~~directors, representative assembly, and appeals committees.~~

433 (d) The FHSAA shall annually require each member of the  
434 governing board or other policymaking body to attend nonprofit  
435 governance training, which must include government in the

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436 sunshine, conflicts of interest, ethics, and student athlete-  
437 centered decisionmaking consistent with the guiding principles  
438 for participation in extracurricular activities under s.  
439 1006.15.

440 ~~(4) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—~~

441 ~~(a) The executive authority of the FHSAA shall be vested in~~  
442 ~~its board of directors. Any entity that appoints members to the~~  
443 ~~board of directors shall examine the ethnic and demographic~~  
444 ~~composition of the board when selecting candidates for~~  
445 ~~appointment and shall, to the greatest extent possible, make~~  
446 ~~appointments that reflect state demographic and population~~  
447 ~~trends. The board of directors shall be composed of 16 persons,~~  
448 ~~as follows:~~

449 ~~1. Four public member school representatives, one elected~~  
450 ~~from among its public school representative members within each~~  
451 ~~of the four administrative regions.~~

452 ~~2. Four nonpublic member school representatives, one~~  
453 ~~elected from among its nonpublic school representative members~~  
454 ~~within each of the four administrative regions.~~

455 ~~3. Three representatives appointed by the commissioner, one~~  
456 ~~appointed from the two northernmost administrative regions and~~  
457 ~~one appointed from the two southernmost administrative regions.~~  
458 ~~The third representative shall be appointed to balance the board~~  
459 ~~for diversity or state population trends, or both.~~

460 ~~4. Two district school superintendents, one elected from~~  
461 ~~the two northernmost administrative regions by the members in~~  
462 ~~those regions and one elected from the two southernmost~~  
463 ~~administrative regions by the members in those regions.~~

464 ~~5. Two district school board members, one elected from the~~



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465 ~~two northernmost administrative regions by the members in those~~  
466 ~~regions and one elected from the two southernmost administrative~~  
467 ~~regions by the members in those regions.~~

468 ~~6. The commissioner or his or her designee from the~~  
469 ~~department executive staff.~~

470 ~~(b) A quorum of the board of directors shall consist of~~  
471 ~~nine members.~~

472 ~~(c) The board of directors shall elect a president and a~~  
473 ~~vice president from among its members. These officers shall also~~  
474 ~~serve as officers of the FHSAA.~~

475 ~~(d) Members of the board of directors shall serve terms of~~  
476 ~~3 years and are eligible to succeed themselves only once. A~~  
477 ~~member of the board of directors, other than the commissioner or~~  
478 ~~his or her designee, may serve a maximum of 6 consecutive years.~~  
479 ~~The FHSAA's bylaws shall establish a rotation of terms to ensure~~  
480 ~~that a majority of the members' terms do not expire~~  
481 ~~concurrently.~~

482 ~~(e) The authority and duties of the board of directors,~~  
483 ~~acting as a body and in accordance with the FHSAA's bylaws, are~~  
484 ~~as follows:~~

485 ~~1. To act as the incorporated FHSAA's board of directors~~  
486 ~~and to fulfill its obligations as required by the FHSAA's~~  
487 ~~charter and articles of incorporation.~~

488 ~~2. To establish such guidelines, regulations, policies, and~~  
489 ~~procedures as are authorized by the bylaws.~~

490 ~~3. To employ an FHSAA executive director, who shall have~~  
491 ~~the authority to waive the bylaws of the FHSAA in order to~~  
492 ~~comply with statutory changes.~~

493 ~~4. To levy annual dues and other fees and to set the~~

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494 ~~percentage of contest receipts to be collected by the FHSAA.~~

495 ~~5. To approve the budget of the FHSAA.~~

496 ~~6. To organize and conduct statewide interscholastic~~  
497 ~~competitions, which may or may not lead to state championships,~~  
498 ~~and to establish the terms and conditions for these~~  
499 ~~competitions.~~

500 ~~7. To act as an administrative board in the interpretation~~  
501 ~~of, and final decision on, all questions and appeals arising~~  
502 ~~from the directing of interscholastic athletics of member~~  
503 ~~schools.~~

504 ~~(5) REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY.—~~

505 ~~(a) The legislative authority of the FHSAA is vested in its~~  
506 ~~representative assembly.~~

507 ~~(b) The representative assembly shall be composed of the~~  
508 ~~following:~~

509 ~~1. An equal number of member school representatives from~~  
510 ~~each of the four administrative regions.~~

511 ~~2. Four district school superintendents, one elected from~~  
512 ~~each of the four administrative regions by the district school~~  
513 ~~superintendents in their respective administrative regions.~~

514 ~~3. Four district school board members, one elected from~~  
515 ~~each of the four administrative regions by the district school~~  
516 ~~board members in their respective administrative regions.~~

517 ~~4. The commissioner or his or her designee from the~~  
518 ~~department executive staff.~~

519 ~~(c) The FHSAA's bylaws shall establish the number of member~~  
520 ~~school representatives to serve in the representative assembly~~  
521 ~~from each of the four administrative regions and shall establish~~  
522 ~~the method for their selection.~~

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523 ~~(d) No member of the board of directors other than the~~  
524 ~~commissioner or his or her designee can serve in the~~  
525 ~~representative assembly.~~

526 ~~(e) The representative assembly shall elect a chairperson~~  
527 ~~and a vice chairperson from among its members.~~

528 ~~(f) Elected members of the representative assembly shall~~  
529 ~~serve terms of 2 years and are eligible to succeed themselves~~  
530 ~~for two additional terms. An elected member, other than the~~  
531 ~~commissioner or his or her designee, may serve a maximum of 6~~  
532 ~~consecutive years in the representative assembly.~~

533 ~~(g) A quorum of the representative assembly consists of one~~  
534 ~~more than half of its members.~~

535 ~~(h) The authority of the representative assembly is limited~~  
536 ~~to its sole duty, which is to consider, adopt, or reject any~~  
537 ~~proposed amendments to the FHSAA's bylaws.~~

538 ~~(i) The representative assembly shall meet as a body~~  
539 ~~annually. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast by members~~  
540 ~~present is required for passage of any proposal.~~

541 ~~(6) PUBLIC LIAISON ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—~~

542 ~~(a) The FHSAA shall establish, sustain, fund, and provide~~  
543 ~~staff support to a public liaison advisory committee composed of~~  
544 ~~the following:~~

545 ~~1. The commissioner or his or her designee.~~

546 ~~2. A member public school principal.~~

547 ~~3. A member private school principal.~~

548 ~~4. A member school principal who is a member of a racial~~  
549 ~~minority.~~

550 ~~5. An active athletic director.~~

551 ~~6. An active coach, who is employed full time by a member~~

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552 school.

553 ~~7. A student athlete.~~

554 ~~8. A district school superintendent.~~

555 ~~9. A district school board member.~~

556 ~~10. A member of the Florida House of Representatives.~~

557 ~~11. A member of the Florida Senate.~~

558 ~~12. A parent of a high school student.~~

559 ~~13. A member of a home education association.~~

560 ~~14. A representative of the business community.~~

561 ~~15. A representative of the news media.~~

562 ~~(b) No member of the board of directors, committee on~~  
563 ~~appeals, or representative assembly is eligible to serve on the~~  
564 ~~public liaison advisory committee.~~

565 ~~(c) The public liaison advisory committee shall elect a~~  
566 ~~chairperson and vice chairperson from among its members.~~

567 ~~(d) The authority and duties of the public liaison advisory~~  
568 ~~committee are as follows:~~

569 ~~1. To act as a conduit through which the general public may~~  
570 ~~have input into the decisionmaking process of the FHSAA and to~~  
571 ~~assist the FHSAA in the development of procedures regarding the~~  
572 ~~receipt of public input and disposition of complaints related to~~  
573 ~~high school athletic and competition programs.~~

574 ~~2. To conduct public hearings annually in each of the four~~  
575 ~~administrative regions during which interested parties may~~  
576 ~~address issues regarding the effectiveness of the rules,~~  
577 ~~operation, and management of the FHSAA.~~

578 ~~3. To conduct an annual evaluation of the FHSAA as a whole~~  
579 ~~and present a report of its findings, conclusion, and~~  
580 ~~recommendations to the board of directors, to the commissioner,~~

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581 ~~and to the respective education committees of the Florida Senate~~  
582 ~~and the Florida House of Representatives. The recommendations~~  
583 ~~must delineate policies and procedures that will improve the~~  
584 ~~implementation and oversight of high school athletic programs by~~  
585 ~~the FHSAA.~~

586 ~~(e) The public liaison advisory committee shall meet four~~  
587 ~~times annually. Additional meetings may be called by the~~  
588 ~~committee chairperson, the FHSAA president, or the FHSAA~~  
589 ~~executive director.~~

590 ~~(7) APPEALS.—~~

591 ~~(a) The FHSAA shall establish a procedure of due process~~  
592 ~~which ensures each student the opportunity to appeal an~~  
593 ~~unfavorable ruling with regard to his or her eligibility to~~  
594 ~~compete. The initial appeal shall be made to a committee on~~  
595 ~~appeals within the administrative region in which the student~~  
596 ~~lives. The FHSAA's bylaws shall establish the number, size, and~~  
597 ~~composition of each committee on appeals.~~

598 ~~(b) No member of the board of directors is eligible to~~  
599 ~~serve on a committee on appeals.~~

600 ~~(c) Members of a committee on appeals shall serve terms of~~  
601 ~~3 years and are eligible to succeed themselves only once. A~~  
602 ~~member of a committee on appeals may serve a maximum of 6~~  
603 ~~consecutive years. The FHSAA's bylaws shall establish a rotation~~  
604 ~~of terms to ensure that a majority of the members' terms do not~~  
605 ~~expire concurrently.~~

606 ~~(d) The authority and duties of a committee on appeals~~  
607 ~~shall be to consider requests by member schools seeking~~  
608 ~~exceptions to bylaws and regulations, to hear undue hardship~~  
609 ~~eligibility cases filed by member schools on behalf of student~~

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610 ~~athletes, and to hear appeals filed by member schools or student~~  
611 ~~athletes.~~

612 ~~(e) A student athlete or member school that receives an~~  
613 ~~unfavorable ruling from a committee on appeals shall be entitled~~  
614 ~~to appeal that decision to the board of directors at its next~~  
615 ~~regularly scheduled meeting or called meeting. The board of~~  
616 ~~directors shall have the authority to uphold, reverse, or amend~~  
617 ~~the decision of the committee on appeals. In all such cases, the~~  
618 ~~decision of the board of directors shall be final.~~

619 ~~(f) The FHSAA shall expedite the appeals process on~~  
620 ~~determinations of ineligibility so that disposition of the~~  
621 ~~appeal can be made before the end of the applicable sports~~  
622 ~~season, if possible.~~

623 ~~(g) In any appeal from a decision on eligibility made by~~  
624 ~~the executive director or a designee, a school or student~~  
625 ~~athlete filing the appeal must be permitted to present~~  
626 ~~information and evidence that was not available at the time of~~  
627 ~~the initial determination or if the determination was not made~~  
628 ~~by an unbiased, objective individual using a process allowing~~  
629 ~~full due process rights to be heard and to present evidence. If~~  
630 ~~evidence is presented on appeal, a de novo decision must be made~~  
631 ~~by the committee or board hearing the appeal, or the~~  
632 ~~determination may be suspended and the matter remanded for a new~~  
633 ~~determination based on all the evidence. If a de novo decision~~  
634 ~~is made on appeal, the decision must be made in writing, setting~~  
635 ~~forth the findings of fact and specific violation upon which the~~  
636 ~~decision is based. If a de novo decision is not required, the~~  
637 ~~decision appealed must be set aside if the decision on~~  
638 ~~ineligibility was not based on clear and convincing evidence.~~

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639 ~~Any further appeal shall be considered on a record that includes~~  
640 ~~all evidence presented.~~

641 ~~(8) AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS.—Each member school representative,~~  
642 ~~the board of directors acting as a whole or as members acting~~  
643 ~~individually, any advisory committee acting as a whole to be~~  
644 ~~established by the FHSAA, and the FHSAA's executive director are~~  
645 ~~empowered to propose amendments to the bylaws. Any other~~  
646 ~~individual may propose an amendment by securing the sponsorship~~  
647 ~~of any of the aforementioned individuals or bodies. All proposed~~  
648 ~~amendments must be submitted directly to the representative~~  
649 ~~assembly for its consideration. The representative assembly,~~  
650 ~~while empowered to adopt, reject, or revise proposed amendments,~~  
651 ~~may not, in and of itself, as a body be allowed to propose any~~  
652 ~~amendment for its own consideration.~~

653 Section 2. Subsections (2) through (8) of section 1006.15,  
654 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

655 1006.15 Student standards for eligibility to participate  
656 ~~participation in interscholastic and intrascholastic~~  
657 ~~extracurricular student activities; regulation.—~~

658 (2) District school board and nonprofit association  
659 policies governing student eligibility for extracurricular  
660 activities shall be guided by the following principles:

661 (a) Interscholastic Extracurricular student activities are  
662 an important complement to the academic curriculum and provide  
663 students with incentives to succeed academically.

664 (b) Participation in a comprehensive extracurricular and  
665 academic program contributes to ~~student~~ development of the  
666 social and intellectual skills necessary to become a well-  
667 rounded adult.

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668 (c) Extracurricular activities promote teamwork and  
669 collaboration, expose students to individuals from diverse  
670 backgrounds, and enhance parental engagement in the school.

671 (d) Policies governing student eligibility for  
672 extracurricular activities should not impede parental school  
673 choice.

674 (e) A student's school attendance zone or choice of  
675 educational program should not be a barrier to participation in  
676 extracurricular activities that are not offered by the student's  
677 school or program.

678 (3) As used in this part ~~section~~, the term:

679 (a) "Extracurricular activity" means a ~~any~~ school-  
680 authorized or education-related activity occurring during or  
681 outside the regular instructional school day.

682 (b) "Home education cooperative" means a parent-directed  
683 group of individual home education students which provides  
684 opportunities for interscholastic competition to those students.

685 (c) "Impermissible benefit" means a benefit or promise of  
686 benefit that is based in any way on athletic interest,  
687 potential, or performance, that is a benefit not generally  
688 available to the school's students or their family members, and  
689 that induces a student athlete to participate in the athletic  
690 programs of a member school. The term does not include  
691 transportation arrangements.

692 (d) "Nonprofit association" means the nonprofit association  
693 that governs interscholastic athletic competition in this state  
694 pursuant to s. 1006.20.

695 (e) "Public school student" means a student who is  
696 attending a traditional public school, charter school, magnet



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697 school, alternative school, developmental research laboratory  
698 school, other public school of choice, or public virtual school.

699 (f) "Recruiting" means an effort by a school employee or  
700 athletic department staff member to pressure, urge, or entice a  
701 student to attend that school for the purpose of participating  
702 in interscholastic athletics.

703 (g) "Unaffiliated private school" means a private school  
704 that has an enrollment of 125 or fewer students in grades 6  
705 through 12 and that is not a member of the nonprofit  
706 association.

707 (4) (3) (a) A student is ~~To be~~ eligible to participate in  
708 interscholastic extracurricular ~~student~~ activities if the, a  
709 student ~~must~~:

710 1. Maintains ~~Maintain~~ a grade point average of 2.0 or above  
711 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the previous semester ~~or a~~  
712 ~~cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale,~~  
713 ~~or its equivalent, in the courses required by s. 1002.3105(5) or~~  
714 ~~s. 1003.4282.~~

715 2. Executes ~~Execute~~ and fulfills ~~fulfill~~ the requirements  
716 of an academic performance contract between the student, the  
717 district school board or private school, the appropriate  
718 governing association, and the student's parents, ~~if the~~  
719 student's cumulative grade point average falls below 2.0, or its  
720 equivalent, on a 4.0 scale ~~in the courses required by s.~~  
721 ~~1002.3105(5) or s. 1003.4282.~~ At a minimum, the contract must  
722 require that the student attend summer school, or its graded  
723 equivalent, between grades 9 and 10 or grades 10 and 11, as  
724 necessary.

725 3. Has ~~Have~~ a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or

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726 above on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, ~~in the courses required~~  
727 ~~by s. 1002.3105(5) or s. 1003.4282~~ during his or her junior or  
728 senior year.

729 4. Maintains ~~Maintain~~ satisfactory conduct as prescribed by  
730 the district school board's or private school's code, ~~including~~  
731 ~~adherence to appropriate dress and other codes~~ of student  
732 ~~conduct policies described in s. 1006.07(2).~~ If a student is  
733 convicted of, or is found to have committed, a felony or a  
734 delinquent act that would have been a felony if committed by an  
735 adult, regardless of whether adjudication is withheld, the  
736 student's participation in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular  
737 activities is contingent upon established and published district  
738 school board or private school policy.

739 5. Is a home education student who meets the requirements  
740 of the home education program pursuant to s. 1002.41, including  
741 requirements relating to annual educational evaluations. The  
742 evaluation processes or requirements placed on home education  
743 student participants may not exceed those that apply under s.  
744 1002.41 to home education students generally.

745 (b)1. A student may be declared ineligible to participate  
746 in interscholastic athletics only if:

747 a. The student fails to achieve compliance with paragraph  
748 (a);

749 b. The student or parent falsifies an enrollment or  
750 eligibility document;

751 c. The student or parent accepts an impermissible benefit;

752 d. The student commits a flagrant act of unsportsmanlike  
753 conduct toward a contest official, opponent, or other person  
754 attending an athletic contest or violates substance abuse

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755 policies established by the nonprofit association;

756 e. The student has exhausted 4 years of athletic  
757 eligibility, graduated from high school, or attained the maximum  
758 age established by the nonprofit association, whichever occurs  
759 first;

760 f. The student does not pass a medical evaluation pursuant  
761 to s. 1006.20(2)(c), except as otherwise provided in s.  
762 1006.20(2)(d); or

763 g. The student forfeits his or her amateur status, as  
764 defined by the nonprofit association.

765 2. A student may not be declared ineligible to participate  
766 in interscholastic athletics based upon a violation of the  
767 FHSAA's recruitment policy or otherwise because the student  
768 participated on a nonschool team or nonschool team affiliated  
769 with the school in which the student ultimately enrolls; or the  
770 student participated in nonschool athletic activities sponsored  
771 by a member school of the nonprofit association if, after  
772 participating, the student registers for, enrolls in, or applies  
773 to attend the sponsoring school. As used in this subparagraph,  
774 the terms "nonschool team" and "nonschool athletic activities"  
775 include, but are not limited to, club teams, travel teams, grade  
776 school teams, recreational league teams, personal instruction  
777 sessions, summer camp teams, and summer camp nonschool athletic  
778 programs.

779 (c)1.~~(b)~~ A ~~Any~~ student who is exempt from attending a full  
780 school day based on rules adopted by the district school board  
781 for double session schools or programs, experimental schools, or  
782 schools operating under emergency conditions must maintain the  
783 grade point average required by this section and pass each class

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784 for which he or she is enrolled.

785 2. A student who transfers from a home education program to  
786 a public or private school before or during the first semester  
787 of the school year is academically eligible to participate in  
788 extracurricular activities during the first semester if the  
789 student has a successful evaluation from the previous school  
790 year pursuant to subparagraph (a)5.

791 3. A public school or private school student who transfers  
792 into a home education program after being declared ineligible  
793 for participation in extracurricular activities pursuant to  
794 subparagraph (b)1. is ineligible to participate in such  
795 activities as a home education student until the student has  
796 successfully completed one semester in a home education program  
797 pursuant to s. 1002.41.

798 4. A public school student who transfers to a private  
799 school or another public school, or a private school student who  
800 transfers to a public school or another private school, after  
801 being declared ineligible to participate in extracurricular  
802 activities pursuant to subparagraph (b)1. is ineligible to  
803 participate in such activities until the student has  
804 successfully completed one semester at the school to which he or  
805 she transfers and meets the requirements of paragraph (a).

806 (d) ~~(e)~~ A public school student, a student attending an  
807 unaffiliated private school, or a ~~An individual~~ home education  
808 student is eligible to participate in an extracurricular  
809 activity that is not offered by the student's school or home  
810 education program. Participation may occur at any ~~the~~ public  
811 school in the school district in which the student resides ~~to~~  
812 ~~which the student would be assigned according to district school~~

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813 ~~board attendance area policies~~ or a public school in another  
814 school district which the student could choose to attend  
815 pursuant to an district ~~or~~ interdistrict controlled open  
816 enrollment policy. A home education student ~~provisions,~~ ~~or~~ may  
817 also develop an agreement to participate at a private school, ~~in~~  
818 the interscholastic or extracurricular activities of that  
819 school. In order to participate under this paragraph, a student  
820 must meet, ~~provided~~ the following conditions are met:

821 1. ~~The home education student must meet the requirements of~~  
822 ~~the home education program pursuant to s. 1002.41.~~

823 2. ~~During the period of participation at a school, the home~~  
824 ~~education student must demonstrate educational progress as~~  
825 ~~required in paragraph (b) in all subjects taken in the home~~  
826 ~~education program by a method of evaluation agreed upon by the~~  
827 ~~parent and the school principal which may include: review of the~~  
828 ~~student's work by a certified teacher chosen by the parent;~~  
829 ~~grades earned through correspondence; grades earned in courses~~  
830 ~~taken at a Florida College System institution, university, or~~  
831 ~~trade school; standardized test scores above the 35th~~  
832 ~~percentile; or any other method designated in s. 1002.41.~~

833 3. ~~The home education student must meet the same residency~~  
834 ~~requirements as other students in the school at which he or she~~  
835 ~~participates.~~

836 1.4. ~~The home education~~ student must meet the same  
837 standards of acceptance, behavior, and performance as required  
838 of other students in extracurricular activities.

839 2.5. ~~The student~~ must register with the school his or her  
840 intent to participate in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular  
841 activities as a representative of the school before the

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842 beginning date of the nonathletic activity or season for the  
843 athletic activity in which he or she wishes to participate. A  
844 ~~home education~~ student must be able to participate in curricular  
845 activities if that is a requirement for an extracurricular  
846 activity.

847 3. A student who is enrolled in an unaffiliated private  
848 school, a home education program, a full-time public virtual  
849 school, or any public school that does not offer any  
850 interscholastic athletic programs may only participate in  
851 interscholastic athletics at the public school in which the  
852 student is first registered.

853 4. The student's parent is responsible for transporting the  
854 student to and from the school at which the student  
855 participates. The school the student attends, the school at  
856 which the student participates in the extracurricular activity,  
857 the district school board, and the nonprofit association are  
858 exempt from civil liability arising from any injury to the  
859 student which occurs during such transportation.

860 ~~6. A student who transfers from a home education program to~~  
861 ~~a public school before or during the first grading period of the~~  
862 ~~school year is academically eligible to participate in~~  
863 ~~interscholastic extracurricular activities during the first~~  
864 ~~grading period provided the student has a successful evaluation~~  
865 ~~from the previous school year, pursuant to subparagraph 2.~~

866 ~~7. Any public school or private school student who has been~~  
867 ~~unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation in~~  
868 ~~interscholastic extracurricular activities is ineligible to~~  
869 ~~participate in such activities as a home education student until~~  
870 ~~the student has successfully completed one grading period in~~

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871 ~~home education pursuant to subparagraph 2. to become eligible to~~  
872 ~~participate as a home education student.~~

873 ~~(d) An individual charter school student pursuant to s.~~  
874 ~~1002.33 is eligible to participate at the public school to which~~  
875 ~~the student would be assigned according to district school board~~  
876 ~~attendance area policies or which the student could choose to~~  
877 ~~attend, pursuant to district or interdistrict controlled open-~~  
878 ~~enrollment provisions, in any interscholastic extracurricular~~  
879 ~~activity of that school, unless such activity is provided by the~~  
880 ~~student's charter school, if the following conditions are met:~~

881 ~~1. The charter school student must meet the requirements of~~  
882 ~~the charter school education program as determined by the~~  
883 ~~charter school governing board.~~

884 ~~2. During the period of participation at a school, the~~  
885 ~~charter school student must demonstrate educational progress as~~  
886 ~~required in paragraph (b).~~

887 ~~3. The charter school student must meet the same residency~~  
888 ~~requirements as other students in the school at which he or she~~  
889 ~~participates.~~

890 ~~4. The charter school student must meet the same standards~~  
891 ~~of acceptance, behavior, and performance that are required of~~  
892 ~~other students in extracurricular activities.~~

893 ~~5. The charter school student must register with the school~~  
894 ~~his or her intent to participate in interscholastic~~  
895 ~~extracurricular activities as a representative of the school~~  
896 ~~before the beginning date of the season for the activity in~~  
897 ~~which he or she wishes to participate. A charter school student~~  
898 ~~must be able to participate in curricular activities if that is~~  
899 ~~a requirement for an extracurricular activity.~~

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900 ~~6. A student who transfers from a charter school program to~~  
901 ~~a traditional public school before or during the first grading~~  
902 ~~period of the school year is academically eligible to~~  
903 ~~participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities during~~  
904 ~~the first grading period if the student has a successful~~  
905 ~~evaluation from the previous school year, pursuant to~~  
906 ~~subparagraph 2.~~

907 ~~7. Any public school or private school student who has been~~  
908 ~~unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation in~~  
909 ~~interscholastic extracurricular activities is ineligible to~~  
910 ~~participate in such activities as a charter school student until~~  
911 ~~the student has successfully completed one grading period in a~~  
912 ~~charter school pursuant to subparagraph 2. to become eligible to~~  
913 ~~participate as a charter school student.~~

914 ~~(e) A student of the Florida Virtual School full-time~~  
915 ~~program may participate in any interscholastic extracurricular~~  
916 ~~activity at the public school to which the student would be~~  
917 ~~assigned according to district school board attendance area~~  
918 ~~policies or which the student could choose to attend, pursuant~~  
919 ~~to district or interdistrict controlled open enrollment~~  
920 ~~policies, if the student:~~

921 ~~1. During the period of participation in the~~  
922 ~~interscholastic extracurricular activity, meets the requirements~~  
923 ~~in paragraph (a).~~

924 ~~2. Meets any additional requirements as determined by the~~  
925 ~~board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School.~~

926 ~~3. Meets the same residency requirements as other students~~  
927 ~~in the school at which he or she participates.~~

928 ~~4. Meets the same standards of acceptance, behavior, and~~



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929 ~~performance that are required of other students in~~  
930 ~~extracurricular activities.~~

931 ~~5. Registers his or her intent to participate in~~  
932 ~~interscholastic extracurricular activities with the school~~  
933 ~~before the beginning date of the season for the activity in~~  
934 ~~which he or she wishes to participate. A Florida Virtual School~~  
935 ~~student must be able to participate in curricular activities if~~  
936 ~~that is a requirement for an extracurricular activity.~~

937 ~~(f) A student who transfers from the Florida Virtual School~~  
938 ~~full-time program to a traditional public school before or~~  
939 ~~during the first grading period of the school year is~~  
940 ~~academically eligible to participate in interscholastic~~  
941 ~~extracurricular activities during the first grading period if~~  
942 ~~the student has a successful evaluation from the previous school~~  
943 ~~year pursuant to paragraph (a).~~

944 ~~(g) A public school or private school student who has been~~  
945 ~~unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation in~~  
946 ~~interscholastic extracurricular activities is ineligible to~~  
947 ~~participate in such activities as a Florida Virtual School~~  
948 ~~student until the student successfully completes one grading~~  
949 ~~period in the Florida Virtual School pursuant to paragraph (a).~~

950 (5)~~(4)~~ The student standards for participation in  
951 ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities must be applied  
952 beginning with the student's first semester of the 9th grade.  
953 Each student must meet such other requirements for participation  
954 as may be established by the district school board; however,  
955 such requirements must apply on an equal basis to all students  
956 and a district school board may not make establish requirements  
957 ~~for participation in interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities

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958 ~~which make participation in such activities less accessible to a~~  
959 ~~transfer student or a student enrolled in a public school of~~  
960 ~~choice, an unaffiliated private school, or a home education~~  
961 ~~program students than to other students. A district school board~~  
962 ~~or private school may not establish policies regarding transfer~~  
963 ~~student eligibility for extracurricular activities which are~~  
964 ~~more stringent than the policies established by the nonprofit~~  
965 ~~association~~ Except as set forth in paragraph (3)(c), evaluation  
966 ~~processes or requirements that are placed on home education~~  
967 ~~student participants may not go beyond those that apply under s.~~  
968 ~~1002.41 to home education students generally.~~

969 ~~(6)~~ (5) ~~An~~ Any organization or entity that regulates or  
970 governs interscholastic extracurricular activities of public  
971 schools:

972 (a) Shall permit home education associations or home  
973 education cooperatives to join as member schools.

974 (b) Shall not discriminate against any eligible student  
975 based on an educational choice of public, private, or home  
976 education.

977 ~~(7)~~ (6) Public schools are prohibited from membership in any  
978 organization or entity that ~~which~~ regulates or governs  
979 interscholastic extracurricular activities and discriminates  
980 against eligible students in public, private, or home education.

981 ~~(7)~~ ~~Any insurance provided by district school boards for~~  
982 ~~participants in extracurricular activities shall cover the~~  
983 ~~participating home education student. If there is an additional~~  
984 ~~premium for such coverage, the participating home education~~  
985 ~~student shall pay the premium.~~

986 ~~(8)~~ (a) ~~The Florida High School Athletic Association~~

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987 ~~(FHSAA), in cooperation with each district school board, shall~~  
988 ~~facilitate a program in which a middle school or high school~~  
989 ~~student who attends a private school shall be eligible to~~  
990 ~~participate in an interscholastic or intrascholastic sport at a~~  
991 ~~public high school, a public middle school, or a 6-12 public~~  
992 ~~school that is zoned for the physical address at which the~~  
993 ~~student resides if:~~

994 ~~1. The private school in which the student is enrolled is~~  
995 ~~not a member of the FHSAA and does not offer an interscholastic~~  
996 ~~or intrascholastic athletic program.~~

997 ~~2. The private school student meets the guidelines for the~~  
998 ~~conduct of the program established by the FHSAA's board of~~  
999 ~~directors and the district school board. At a minimum, such~~  
1000 ~~guidelines shall provide:~~

1001 ~~a. A deadline for each sport by which the private school~~  
1002 ~~student's parents must register with the public school in~~  
1003 ~~writing their intent for their child to participate at that~~  
1004 ~~school in the sport.~~

1005 ~~b. Requirements for a private school student to~~  
1006 ~~participate, including, but not limited to, meeting the same~~  
1007 ~~standards of eligibility, acceptance, behavior, educational~~  
1008 ~~progress, and performance which apply to other students~~  
1009 ~~participating in interscholastic or intrascholastic sports at a~~  
1010 ~~public school or FHSAA member private school.~~

1011 ~~(b) The parents of a private school student participating~~  
1012 ~~in a public school sport under this subsection are responsible~~  
1013 ~~for transporting their child to and from the public school at~~  
1014 ~~which the student participates. The private school the student~~  
1015 ~~attends, the public school at which the student participates in~~

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1016 ~~a sport, the district school board, and the FHSAA are exempt~~  
1017 ~~from civil liability arising from any injury that occurs to the~~  
1018 ~~student during such transportation.~~

1019 ~~(c) For each academic year, a private school student may~~  
1020 ~~only participate at the public school in which the student is~~  
1021 ~~first registered under sub-subparagraph (a)2.a. or makes himself~~  
1022 ~~or herself a candidate for an athletic team by engaging in a~~  
1023 ~~practice.~~

1024 ~~(d) The athletic director of each participating FHSAA~~  
1025 ~~member public school shall maintain the student records~~  
1026 ~~necessary for eligibility, compliance, and participation in the~~  
1027 ~~program.~~

1028 ~~(e) Any non-FHSAA member private school that has a student~~  
1029 ~~who wishes to participate in this program must make all student~~  
1030 ~~records, including, but not limited to, academic, financial,~~  
1031 ~~disciplinary, and attendance records, available upon request of~~  
1032 ~~the FHSAA.~~

1033 ~~(f) A student must apply to participate in this program~~  
1034 ~~through the FHSAA program application process.~~

1035 ~~(g) Only students who are enrolled in non-FHSAA member~~  
1036 ~~private schools consisting of 125 students or fewer are eligible~~  
1037 ~~to participate in the program in any given academic year.~~

1038 Section 3. Section 1006.16, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
1039 read:

1040 1006.16 Insuring school students engaged in extracurricular  
1041 athletic activities against injury.—~~A~~ Any district school board,  
1042 school athletic association, or school may formulate, conduct,  
1043 and purchase a plan or method of insuring, or may self-insure,  
1044 participants in extracurricular activities ~~school students~~

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1045 against injury sustained by reason of such participation  
1046 ~~students engaging and participating~~ in the extracurricular  
1047 ~~athletic~~ activities conducted or sponsored by the district  
1048 school board, association, or school ~~in which such students are~~  
1049 ~~enrolled~~. A district school board, school athletic association,  
1050 or school may add a surcharge to the fee charged for admission  
1051 to athletic events as a means of producing revenue to purchase  
1052 such insurance or to provide self-insurance. A Any district  
1053 school board may pay for all or part of such plan or method of  
1054 insurance or self-insurance from available district school board  
1055 funds. Insurance provided by a district school board for  
1056 participants in extracurricular activities must cover home  
1057 education and unaffiliated private school students participating  
1058 in extracurricular activities at a district public school  
1059 pursuant to s. 1006.15 under the same terms and conditions that  
1060 apply to students enrolled in a district public school.

1061 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 1006.19, Florida  
1062 Statutes, is amended to read:

1063 1006.19 Audit of records of nonprofit ~~corporations and~~  
1064 associations handling interscholastic activities.—

1065 (1) Each nonprofit association ~~or corporation~~ that operates  
1066 for the purpose of supervising and controlling interscholastic  
1067 activities of public high schools and whose membership is  
1068 composed of duly certified representatives of public high  
1069 schools, ~~and whose rules and regulations are established by~~  
1070 ~~members thereof~~, shall have an annual financial audit of its  
1071 accounts and records conducted by an independent certified  
1072 public accountant retained by it and paid from its funds. The  
1073 accountant shall furnish a copy of the audit report to the

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1074 Auditor General within 30 days after completion of the audit. At  
1075 least every 3 years, the Auditor General shall conduct an  
1076 operational audit of the accounts and records of each nonprofit  
1077 association.

1078 Section 5. Subsections (17) and (18) of section 1002.20,  
1079 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1080 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public  
1081 school students must receive accurate and timely information  
1082 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed  
1083 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12  
1084 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory  
1085 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

1086 (17) ATHLETICS; PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.—

1087 (a) *Eligibility*.—Eligibility requirements for all students  
1088 participating in high school athletic competition must allow a  
1089 student to be eligible in the school in which he or she first  
1090 enrolls each school year, the school in which the student makes  
1091 himself or herself a candidate for an athletic team by engaging  
1092 in practice before enrolling, or the school to which the student  
1093 has transferred with approval of the district school board, in  
1094 accordance with s. 1006.20 ~~the provisions of s. 1006.20(2)(a).~~

1095 (b) *Medical evaluation*.—Students must satisfactorily pass a  
1096 medical evaluation each year before participating in athletics,  
1097 unless the parent objects in writing based on religious tenets  
1098 or practices, in accordance with s. 1006.20 ~~the provisions of s.~~  
1099 ~~1006.20(2)(d).~~

1100 (18) EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.—In accordance with ~~the~~  
1101 ~~provisions of~~ s. 1006.15:

1102 (a) *Eligibility*.—Students who meet specified academic and

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1103 conduct requirements are eligible to participate in  
1104 extracurricular activities.

1105       (b) Participation Home education students.—All public  
1106 school students, including those enrolled in public schools of  
1107 choice and virtual education, all home education students, and  
1108 certain private school students may participate in any  
1109 extracurricular activity not offered by a student's school or  
1110 home education program at any public school in the school  
1111 district in which the student resides or a public school in  
1112 another school district which the student could choose to attend  
1113 pursuant to an interdistrict controlled open enrollment policy  
1114 ~~who meet specified academic and conduct requirements are~~  
1115 ~~eligible to participate in extracurricular activities at the~~  
1116 ~~public school to which the student would be assigned or could~~  
1117 ~~choose to attend according to district school board policies, or~~  
1118 ~~may develop an agreement to participate at a private school.~~

1119       ~~(c) Charter school students.~~ Charter school students who  
1120 ~~meet specified academic and conduct requirements are eligible to~~  
1121 ~~participate in extracurricular activities at the public school~~  
1122 ~~to which the student would be assigned or could choose to attend~~  
1123 ~~according to district school board policies, unless such~~  
1124 ~~activity is provided by the student's charter school.~~

1125       ~~(d) Florida Virtual School full-time students.~~ Florida  
1126 ~~Virtual School full-time students who meet specified academic~~  
1127 ~~and conduct requirements are eligible to participate in~~  
1128 ~~extracurricular activities at the public school to which the~~  
1129 ~~student would be assigned or could choose to attend according to~~  
1130 ~~district school board policies.~~

1131       (c) (e) Discrimination prohibited.—Organizations that

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1132 regulate or govern extracurricular activities of public schools  
1133 shall not discriminate against any eligible student based on an  
1134 educational choice of public, private, or home education.

1135 Section 6. Subsection (11) of section 1002.33, Florida  
1136 Statutes, is amended to read:

1137 1002.33 Charter schools.—

1138 (11) PARTICIPATION IN ~~INTERSCHOLASTIC~~ EXTRACURRICULAR  
1139 ACTIVITIES.—A charter school student is eligible to participate  
1140 in an ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activity at another the  
1141 public school ~~to which the student would be otherwise assigned~~  
1142 ~~to attend~~ pursuant to s. 1006.15 ~~s. 1006.15(3)(d)~~.

1143 Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.