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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 periodic
4 review of the Florida High School Athletic
5 Association's performance of its duties; providing
6 requirements regarding fees and admission prices;
7 revising provisions regarding eligibility, transfer,
8 and recruiting; providing procedures for resolving
9 student eligibility disputes; requiring the Florida
10 High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) to adopt
11 guidelines, provide resources, and develop training
12 courses relating to sports ethics; providing that
13 member schools must meet certain requirements relating
14 to the sports ethics guidelines, resources, and
15 training courses provided by the FHSAA; revising the
16 governing structure of the FHSAA; deleting provisions
17 relating to the FHSAA's board of directors,
18 representative assembly, public liaison advisory
19 committee, and appeals committees; deleting
20 requirements with respect to amendments to the FHSAA's
21 bylaws; amending s. 1006.15, F.S.; establishing
22 guiding principles for extracurricular activities;
23 providing definitions; revising academic eligibility
24 requirements; specifying grounds for student
25 ineligibility for participation in interscholastic
26 athletics; specifying conditions under which students



27 | who are enrolled in public schools, certain private
 28 | schools, or home education programs may participate in
 29 | the extracurricular activities of a public school;
 30 | deleting obsolete provisions; amending s. 1006.16,
 31 | F.S.; revising insurance requirements to include
 32 | students who participate in nonathletic
 33 | extracurricular activities; requiring that insurance
 34 | coverage provided by district school boards for
 35 | participants in extracurricular activities include
 36 | certain students; amending s. 1006.19, F.S.; providing
 37 | a period within which an audit of a nonprofit
 38 | association's records must be provided to the Auditor
 39 | General; requiring the Auditor General to conduct
 40 | operational audits of the nonprofit association's
 41 | accounts and records; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.;
 42 | conforming cross-references; revising provisions
 43 | related to participation in extracurricular
 44 | activities; amending s. 1002.33, conforming cross-
 45 | references; providing an effective date.

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 47 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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49 | Section 1. Section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, is amended
 50 | to read:

51 | 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

52 | (1) GOVERNING NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION ~~ORGANIZATION~~.—The



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53 Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) is designated
54 ~~as~~ the governing nonprofit association for purposes of
55 membership in the National Federation of State High School
56 Associations organization of athletics in Florida public
57 schools. Following completion of each operational audit
58 conducted pursuant to s. 1006.19, the Commissioner of Education
59 shall review the FHSAA's performance in governing
60 interscholastic athletic competition in compliance with this
61 part, including the guiding principles for student eligibility
62 for extracurricular activities. If, at any time, the FHSAA fails
63 to meet the provisions of this part section, the commissioner,
64 with the approval of the State Board of Education, shall
65 designate another a nonprofit association organization to govern
66 interscholastic athletic competition in this state and serve as
67 Florida's voting member association of the National Federation
68 of State High School Associations athletics with the approval of
69 the State Board of Education. The FHSAA is not a state agency as
70 defined in s. 120.52 but is. The FHSAA shall be subject to ss.
71 1006.15-1006.19. Any special event fees, sanctioning fees,
72 including third-party sanctioning fees, or contest receipts
73 collected annually by the FHSAA may not exceed its actual costs
74 to perform the function or duty that is the subject of or
75 justification for the fee the provisions of s. 1006.19. The
76 FHSAA shall offer spectators seeking admission to
77 interscholastic athletic competitions the option of purchasing a
78 single-day pass or a multiple-day pass that is at a cost below



79 that which one would pay on a per-event basis for the same
80 number of contests. ~~A private school that wishes to engage in~~
81 ~~high school athletic competition with a public high school may~~
82 ~~become a member of the FHSAA.~~ Any high school in the state,
83 including private schools, traditional public schools, charter
84 schools, virtual schools, and home education cooperatives, may
85 become a member of the FHSAA and participate in the activities
86 of the FHSAA. ~~However,~~ Membership in the FHSAA is not mandatory
87 for any school. The FHSAA shall allow a school the option of
88 joining the association as a full-time member or on a per-sport
89 basis and may not prohibit or discourage any school from
90 simultaneously maintaining membership in the FHSAA and another
91 athletic association. The FHSAA may not deny or discourage
92 interscholastic athletic competition between its member schools
93 and nonmember ~~non-FHSAA member Florida~~ schools, including
94 members of another athletic association ~~governing organization,~~
95 and may not take any retributory or discriminatory action
96 against any of its member schools that participate in
97 interscholastic athletic competition with nonmember ~~non-FHSAA~~
98 ~~member Florida~~ schools. The FHSAA may not unreasonably withhold
99 its approval of an application to become an affiliate member of
100 the National Federation of State High School Associations
101 submitted by any other association ~~organization~~ that governs
102 interscholastic athletic competition in this state which meets
103 the requirements of this section. The commissioner may identify
104 other associations that govern interscholastic athletic



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105 competition in compliance with this section. ~~The bylaws of the~~
106 ~~FHSAA are the rules by which high school athletic programs in~~
107 ~~its member schools, and the students who participate in them,~~
108 ~~are governed, unless otherwise specifically provided by statute.~~
109 For the purposes of this section, "high school" includes grades
110 6 through 12.

111 (2) STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; RECRUITING ADOPTION
112 ~~OF BYLAWS, POLICIES; ELIGIBILITY DISPUTE RESOLUTION, OR~~
113 ~~GUIDELINES.~~ The FHSAA shall:

114 (a) ~~The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that, unless specifically~~
115 ~~provided by statute,~~ Establish eligibility requirements for all
116 students who participate in interscholastic high school athletic
117 competition in its member schools. A ~~The bylaws governing~~
118 ~~residence and transfer shall allow the student~~ is ~~to be~~ eligible
119 in the school in which he or she first enrolls each school year
120 or the school in which the student makes himself or herself a
121 candidate for an athletic team by engaging in a practice before
122 ~~prior to~~ enrolling in the school. A student who transfers ~~The~~
123 ~~bylaws shall also allow the student to be eligible in the school~~
124 ~~to which the student has transferred during the school year~~ is
125 eligible in the school to which he or she transfers ~~if the~~
126 ~~transfer is made by a deadline established by the FHSAA, which~~
127 ~~may not be prior to the date authorized for the beginning of~~
128 ~~practice for the sport. These transfers shall be allowed~~
129 ~~pursuant to the district school board policies in the case of~~
130 ~~transfer to a public school or pursuant to the private school~~



131 ~~policies in the case of transfer to a private school. The~~
132 ~~student shall be eligible in that school so long as he or she~~
133 ~~remains enrolled in that school. Subsequent eligibility shall be~~
134 ~~determined and enforced through the FHSAA's bylaws. Requirements~~
135 ~~governing eligibility and transfer between member schools shall~~
136 ~~be applied similarly to public school students and private~~
137 ~~school students.~~

138 (b) ~~The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that specifically~~
139 ~~Prohibit the recruiting of students for athletic purposes and-~~
140 ~~The bylaws shall prescribe penalties and an appeals process for~~
141 ~~athletic recruiting violations. If it is determined that a~~
142 ~~school has recruited a student in violation of FHSAA bylaws, the~~
143 ~~FHSAA may require the school to participate in a higher~~
144 ~~classification for the sport in which the recruited student~~
145 ~~competes for a minimum of one classification cycle, in addition~~
146 ~~to any other appropriate fine and sanction imposed on the~~
147 ~~school, its coaches, or adult representatives who commit ~~violate~~~~
148 ~~recruiting violations ~~rules~~. A student may only ~~not~~ be declared~~
149 ~~ineligible based on a recruiting violation ~~if of recruiting~~~~
150 ~~rules unless the student or parent has committed an act~~
151 ~~specified in s. 1006.15(4)(b)1.b. or the FHSAA has imposed~~
152 ~~sanctions against the individuals or member school engaging in~~
153 ~~recruiting and the student or the parent has committed an act~~
154 ~~specified in s. 1006.15(4)(b)1.c. The FHSAA may not limit the~~
155 ~~competition of a student athlete prospectively for a violation~~
156 ~~by his or her school, the school's coach, or the student~~



157 athlete's adult representative. The FHSAA may not punish a
158 student athlete for an eligibility or recruiting violation
159 perpetrated by a teammate, coach, or administrator. A contest
160 may not be forfeited for an inadvertent eligibility violation
161 unless the coach or a school administrator should have known of
162 the violation. Contests may not be forfeited for other
163 eligibility violations or recruiting violations in excess of the
164 number of contests from which the coaches and adult
165 representatives responsible for the violations are prospectively
166 suspended. The mass distribution of untargeted mailings,
167 electronic mailings, or printed guides or booklets by or on
168 behalf of a member school which include detailed information
169 regarding the member school's interscholastic athletic programs
170 may not be considered violations of the FHSAA's policies
171 ~~falsified any enrollment or eligibility document or accepted any~~
172 ~~benefit or any promise of benefit if such benefit is not~~
173 ~~generally available to the school's students or family members~~
174 ~~or is based in any way on athletic interest, potential, or~~
175 ~~performance.~~

176 (c) ~~The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that~~ Require all students
177 participating in interscholastic athletic competition or who are
178 candidates for an interscholastic athletic team to
179 satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year before ~~prior~~
180 ~~to~~ participating in interscholastic athletic competition or
181 engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, or other physical
182 activity associated with the student's candidacy for an



183 interscholastic athletic team. Such medical evaluation may be
184 administered only by a practitioner licensed under chapter 458,
185 chapter 459, chapter 460, or s. 464.012, and in good standing
186 with the practitioner's regulatory board. The FHSAA ~~bylaws~~ shall
187 establish requirements for eliciting a student's medical history
188 and performing the medical evaluation required under this
189 paragraph, which shall include a physical assessment of the
190 student's physical capabilities to participate in
191 interscholastic athletic competition as contained in a uniform
192 preparticipation physical evaluation and history form. The
193 evaluation form shall incorporate the recommendations of the
194 American Heart Association for participation in cardiovascular
195 screening and shall provide a place for the signature of the
196 practitioner performing the evaluation with an attestation that
197 each examination procedure listed on the form was performed by
198 the practitioner or by someone under the direct supervision of
199 the practitioner. The form shall also contain a place for the
200 practitioner to indicate if a referral to another practitioner
201 was made in lieu of completion of a certain examination
202 procedure. The form shall provide a place for the practitioner
203 to whom the student was referred to complete the remaining
204 sections and attest to that portion of the examination. The
205 preparticipation physical evaluation form shall advise students
206 to complete a cardiovascular assessment and shall include
207 information concerning alternative cardiovascular evaluation and
208 diagnostic tests. Results of such medical evaluation must be



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209 provided to the school. A ~~No~~ student is not ~~shall be~~ eligible to
210 participate in any interscholastic athletic competition or
211 engage in any practice, tryout, workout, or other physical
212 activity associated with the student's candidacy for an
213 interscholastic athletic team until the results of the medical
214 evaluation are ~~have been~~ received and approved by the school.

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

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

232 1. Undergo level 2 background screening under s. 435.04,
233 establishing that the investigator has not committed any
234 disqualifying offense listed in s. 435.04, unless the



235 | investigator can provide proof of compliance with level 2
236 | screening standards submitted within the previous 5 years to
237 | meet any professional licensure requirements, provided:

238 | a. The investigator has not had a break in service from a
239 | position that requires level 2 screening for more than 90 days;
240 | and

241 | b. The investigator submits, under penalty of perjury, an
242 | affidavit verifying that the investigator has not committed any
243 | disqualifying offense listed in s. 435.04 and is in full
244 | compliance with this paragraph.

245 | 2. Be appointed as an investigator by the FHSAA ~~executive~~
246 | ~~director~~.

247 | 3. Carry a photo identification card that shows the FHSAA
248 | name and~~r~~ logo~~r~~ and the investigator's official title.

249 | 4. Adhere to the following guidelines:

250 | a. Investigate only those alleged violations assigned by
251 | the FHSAA ~~executive director or the board of directors~~.

252 | b. Conduct interviews on Monday through Friday between the
253 | hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. only, unless previously agreed to by
254 | the interviewee.

255 | c. Allow the parent of any student being interviewed to be
256 | present during the interview.

257 | d. Search residences or other private areas only with the
258 | permission of the FHSAA ~~executive director~~ and the written
259 | consent of the student's parent and only with a parent or a
260 | representative of the parent present.



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

264 1. Major violations include, but are not limited to,
265 knowingly allowing an ineligible student to participate in a
266 contest representing a member school in an interscholastic
267 contest or committing a violation of the FHSAA's recruiting or
268 sports ethics ~~sportsmanship~~ policies.

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

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

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

285 (g) Provide a process for the resolution of student
286 eligibility disputes. The FHSAA shall provide an opportunity to



287 resolve eligibility issues through an informal conference
288 procedure. The FHSAA must provide written notice to the student
289 athlete, parent, and member school stating specific findings of
290 fact that support a determination of ineligibility. The student
291 athlete must request an informal conference if he or she intends
292 to contest the charges. The informal conference must be held
293 within 10 days after receipt of the student athlete's request.
294 If the eligibility dispute is not resolved at the informal
295 conference, the FHSAA shall provide a process for the timely and
296 cost-effective resolution of an eligibility dispute using a
297 neutral third party, including the use of retired or former
298 judges, mediation, or arbitration. The neutral third party shall
299 be selected by the parent of the student athlete from a list
300 maintained by the FHSAA. A final determination regarding the
301 eligibility dispute must be issued no later than 30 days after
302 the informal conference. The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws
303 establishing the process for resolving eligibility disputes must
304 and standards by which FHSAA determinations of eligibility are
305 made. Such bylaws shall provide that:

306 1. Ineligibility must be established by clear and
307 convincing evidence.

308 2. Student athletes, parents, and schools must have notice
309 of the initiation of any investigation or other inquiry into
310 eligibility and may present, to the investigator and to the
311 individual or body making the eligibility determination, any
312 information or evidence that is credible, persuasive, and of a



313 kind reasonably prudent persons rely upon in the conduct of
314 serious affairs.~~†~~

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

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

324 5. Any proceedings concerning student athlete eligibility
325 must be held in the county in which the student athlete resides
326 and may be conducted by telephone, videoconference, or other
327 electronic means.

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

338 ~~(h) In lieu of bylaws adopted under paragraph (g), the~~



339 ~~FHSAA may adopt bylaws providing as a minimum the procedural~~
340 ~~safeguards of ss. 120.569 and 120.57, making appropriate~~
341 ~~provision for appointment of unbiased and qualified hearing~~
342 ~~officers.~~

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

355 ~~(h)-(j) The FHSAA shall~~ Adopt guidelines to educate
356 athletic coaches, officials, administrators, and student
357 athletes and their parents about ~~of~~ the nature and risk of
358 concussion and head injury.

359 ~~(i)-(k) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws or policies that~~
360 Require the parent of a student who is participating in
361 interscholastic athletic competition or who is a candidate for
362 an interscholastic athletic team to sign and return an informed
363 consent that explains the nature and risk of concussion and head
364 injury, including the risk of continuing to play after



365 concussion or head injury, each year before participating in
366 interscholastic athletic competition or engaging in any
367 practice, tryout, workout, or other physical activity associated
368 with the student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic
369 team.

370 (j) ~~(1) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws or policies that~~
371 Require each student athlete who is suspected of sustaining a
372 concussion or head injury in a practice or competition to be
373 immediately removed from the activity. A student athlete who has
374 been removed from an activity may not return to practice or
375 competition until the student submits to the school a written
376 medical clearance to return stating that the student athlete no
377 longer exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a
378 concussion or other head injury. Medical clearance must be
379 authorized by the appropriate health care practitioner trained
380 in the diagnosis, evaluation, and management of concussions as
381 defined by the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee of the Florida
382 High School Athletic Association.

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

- 386 1. Eight physicians licensed under chapter 458 or chapter
387 459, with at least one member licensed under chapter 459.
- 388 2. One chiropractor licensed under chapter 460.
- 389 3. One podiatrist licensed under chapter 461.
- 390 4. One dentist licensed under chapter 466.



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391 5. Three athletic trainers licensed under part XIII of
392 chapter 468.

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

395 (1) Adopt guidelines, provide resources, and develop a
396 training course to promote sports ethics in interscholastic
397 athletics and require each member school to:

398 1. Establish policies that promote sports ethics in its
399 interscholastic athletic programs.

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

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

404 4. Annually certify compliance with this paragraph by a
405 deadline established by the FHSAA.

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407 In developing the sports ethics training course, the FHSAA may
408 provide for multiple modes of delivery, including in-person
409 seminars or videoconferencing, webinars, or other electronic
410 means.

411 (3) GOVERNING STRUCTURE OF THE FHSAA.—

412 (a) The FHSAA shall operate as a representative democracy
413 in which the sovereign authority is within its member schools
414 and the parents of students participating in interscholastic
415 athletics within those schools. ~~Except as provided in this~~
416 ~~section, the FHSAA shall govern its affairs through its bylaws.~~



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417 (b) Each member school, on its annual application for
418 membership, shall name its official representative to the FHSAA.
419 This representative must be either the school principal or his
420 or her designee. That designee must either be an assistant
421 principal or athletic director housed within that same school.

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

438 (d) The FHSAA shall annually require each member of the
439 governing board or other policymaking body to attend nonprofit
440 governance training, which must include government in the
441 sunshine, conflicts of interest, ethics, and student athlete-
442 centered decisionmaking consistent with the guiding principles



443 for participation in extracurricular activities under s.
444 1006.15.

445 ~~(4) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.~~

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

454 ~~1. Four public member school representatives, one elected~~
455 ~~from among its public school representative members within each~~
456 ~~of the four administrative regions.~~

457 ~~2. Four nonpublic member school representatives, one~~
458 ~~elected from among its nonpublic school representative members~~
459 ~~within each of the four administrative regions.~~

460 ~~3. Three representatives appointed by the commissioner,~~
461 ~~one appointed from the two northernmost administrative regions~~
462 ~~and one appointed from the two southernmost administrative~~
463 ~~regions. The third representative shall be appointed to balance~~
464 ~~the board for diversity or state population trends, or both.~~

465 ~~4. Two district school superintendents, one elected from~~
466 ~~the two northernmost administrative regions by the members in~~
467 ~~those regions and one elected from the two southernmost~~
468 ~~administrative regions by the members in those regions.~~



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469 ~~5. Two district school board members, one elected from the~~
470 ~~two northernmost administrative regions by the members in those~~
471 ~~regions and one elected from the two southernmost administrative~~
472 ~~regions by the members in those regions.~~

473 ~~6. The commissioner or his or her designee from the~~
474 ~~department executive staff.~~

475 ~~(b) A quorum of the board of directors shall consist of~~
476 ~~nine members.~~

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

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

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

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

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



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

498 ~~4. To levy annual dues and other fees and to set the~~
499 ~~percentage of contest receipts to be collected by the FHSAA.~~

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

501 ~~6. To organize and conduct statewide interscholastic~~
502 ~~competitions, which may or may not lead to state championships,~~
503 ~~and to establish the terms and conditions for these~~
504 ~~competitions.~~

505 ~~7. To act as an administrative board in the interpretation~~
506 ~~of, and final decision on, all questions and appeals arising~~
507 ~~from the directing of interscholastic athletics of member~~
508 ~~schools.~~

509 ~~(5) REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY.—~~

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

512 ~~(b) The representative assembly shall be composed of the~~
513 ~~following:~~

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

516 ~~2. Four district school superintendents, one elected from~~
517 ~~each of the four administrative regions by the district school~~
518 ~~superintendents in their respective administrative regions.~~

519 ~~3. Four district school board members, one elected from~~
520 ~~each of the four administrative regions by the district school~~



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521 ~~board members in their respective administrative regions.~~

522 ~~4. The commissioner or his or her designee from the~~
523 ~~department executive staff.~~

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

528 ~~(d) No member of the board of directors other than the~~
529 ~~commissioner or his or her designee can serve in the~~
530 ~~representative assembly.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

553 ~~4. A member school principal who is a member of a racial~~
554 ~~minority.~~

555 ~~5. An active athletic director.~~

556 ~~6. An active coach, who is employed full time by a member~~
557 ~~school.~~

558 ~~7. A student athlete.~~

559 ~~8. A district school superintendent.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

572 ~~(d) The authority and duties of the public liaison~~



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573 ~~advisory committee are as follows:~~

574 ~~1. To act as a conduit through which the general public~~
575 ~~may have input into the decisionmaking process of the FHSAA and~~
576 ~~to assist the FHSAA in the development of procedures regarding~~
577 ~~the receipt of public input and disposition of complaints~~
578 ~~related to high school athletic and competition programs.~~

579 ~~2. To conduct public hearings annually in each of the four~~
580 ~~administrative regions during which interested parties may~~
581 ~~address issues regarding the effectiveness of the rules,~~
582 ~~operation, and management of the FHSAA.~~

583 ~~3. To conduct an annual evaluation of the FHSAA as a whole~~
584 ~~and present a report of its findings, conclusion, and~~
585 ~~recommendations to the board of directors, to the commissioner,~~
586 ~~and to the respective education committees of the Florida Senate~~
587 ~~and the Florida House of Representatives. The recommendations~~
588 ~~must delineate policies and procedures that will improve the~~
589 ~~implementation and oversight of high school athletic programs by~~
590 ~~the FHSAA.~~

591 ~~(c) The public liaison advisory committee shall meet four~~
592 ~~times annually. Additional meetings may be called by the~~
593 ~~committee chairperson, the FHSAA president, or the FHSAA~~
594 ~~executive director.~~

595 ~~(7) APPEALS.—~~

596 ~~(a) The FHSAA shall establish a procedure of due process~~
597 ~~which ensures each student the opportunity to appeal an~~
598 ~~unfavorable ruling with regard to his or her eligibility to~~



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599 ~~compete. The initial appeal shall be made to a committee on~~
600 ~~appeals within the administrative region in which the student~~
601 ~~lives. The FHSAA's bylaws shall establish the number, size, and~~
602 ~~composition of each committee on appeals.~~

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

605 ~~(c) Members of a committee on appeals shall serve terms of~~
606 ~~3 years and are eligible to succeed themselves only once. A~~
607 ~~member of a committee on appeals may serve a maximum of 6~~
608 ~~consecutive years. The FHSAA's bylaws shall establish a rotation~~
609 ~~of terms to ensure that a majority of the members' terms do not~~
610 ~~expire concurrently.~~

611 ~~(d) The authority and duties of a committee on appeals~~
612 ~~shall be to consider requests by member schools seeking~~
613 ~~exceptions to bylaws and regulations, to hear undue hardship~~
614 ~~eligibility cases filed by member schools on behalf of student~~
615 ~~athletes, and to hear appeals filed by member schools or student~~
616 ~~athletes.~~

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

624 ~~(f) The FHSAA shall expedite the appeals process on~~



625 ~~determinations of ineligibility so that disposition of the~~
626 ~~appeal can be made before the end of the applicable sports~~
627 ~~season, if possible.~~

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

646 ~~(8) AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS. Each member school~~
647 ~~representative, the board of directors acting as a whole or as~~
648 ~~members acting individually, any advisory committee acting as a~~
649 ~~whole to be established by the FHSAA, and the FHSAA's executive~~
650 ~~director are empowered to propose amendments to the bylaws. Any~~



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651 ~~other individual may propose an amendment by securing the~~
652 ~~sponsorship of any of the aforementioned individuals or bodies.~~
653 ~~All proposed amendments must be submitted directly to the~~
654 ~~representative assembly for its consideration. The~~
655 ~~representative assembly, while empowered to adopt, reject, or~~
656 ~~revise proposed amendments, may not, in and of itself, as a body~~
657 ~~be allowed to propose any amendment for its own consideration.~~

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

660 1006.15 Student standards for eligibility to participate
661 ~~participation in interscholastic and intrascholastic~~
662 ~~extracurricular student activities; regulation.-~~

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

666 (a) Interscholastic Extracurricular student activities are
667 an important complement to the academic curriculum and provide
668 students with incentives to succeed academically.

669 (b) Participation in a comprehensive extracurricular and
670 academic program contributes to ~~student~~ development of the
671 social and intellectual skills necessary to become a well-
672 rounded adult.

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

676 (d) Policies governing student eligibility for



677 extracurricular activities should not impede parental school
678 choice.

679 (e) A student's school attendance zone or choice of
680 educational program should not be a barrier to participation in
681 extracurricular activities that are not offered by the student's
682 school or program.

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

684 (a) "Extracurricular activity" means a ~~any~~ school-
685 authorized or education-related activity occurring during or
686 outside the regular instructional school day.

687 (b) "Home education cooperative" means a parent-directed
688 group of individual home education students that provides
689 opportunities for interscholastic competition to those students.

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

697 (d) "Nonprofit association" means the nonprofit
698 association that governs interscholastic athletic competition in
699 this state pursuant to s. 1006.20.

700 (e) "Public school student" means a student who is
701 attending a traditional public school, charter school, magnet
702 school, alternative school, developmental research laboratory



703 school, other public school of choice, or public virtual school.

704 (f) "Recruiting" means an effort by a school employee or
705 athletic department staff member to pressure, urge, or entice a
706 student to attend that school for the purpose of participating
707 in interscholastic athletic competition.

708 (g) "Unaffiliated private school" means a private school
709 that has an enrollment of 200 or fewer students in grades 6
710 through 12 and that is not a member of the nonprofit
711 association.

712 (4)-(3)(a) A student is ~~To be~~ eligible to participate in
713 interscholastic extracurricular ~~student~~ activities if the, a
714 student ~~must~~:

715 1. Maintains ~~Maintain~~ a grade point average of 2.0 or
716 above on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the previous
717 semester or a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on
718 a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, ~~in the courses required by s.~~
719 ~~1002.3105(5) or s. 1003.4282.~~

720 2. Executes ~~Execute~~ and fulfills ~~fulfill~~ the requirements
721 of an academic performance contract between the student, the
722 district school board or private school, the appropriate
723 governing association, and the student's parents, ~~if the~~
724 student's cumulative grade point average falls below 2.0, or its
725 equivalent, on a 4.0 scale ~~in the courses required by s.~~
726 ~~1002.3105(5) or s. 1003.4282.~~ At a minimum, the contract must
727 require that the student attend summer school, or its graded
728 equivalent, between grades 9 and 10 or grades 10 and 11, as



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729 necessary.

730 3. Has ~~Have~~ a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or
731 above on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, ~~in the courses required~~
732 ~~by s. 1002.3105(5) or s. 1003.4282~~ during his or her junior or
733 senior year.

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

744 5. Is a home education student who meets the requirements
745 of the home education program pursuant to s. 1002.41, including
746 requirements relating to annual educational evaluations. The
747 evaluation processes or requirements placed on home education
748 student participants may not exceed those that apply under s.
749 1002.41 to home education students generally.

750 (b)1. A student may only be declared ineligible to
751 participate in interscholastic athletic competition if:

752 a. The student fails to achieve compliance with paragraph
753 (a);

754 b. The student or parent falsifies an enrollment or



755 eligibility document;
756 c. The student or parent accepts an impermissible benefit;
757 d. The student commits a flagrant act of unsportsmanlike
758 conduct toward a contest official, opponent, or other person
759 attending an interscholastic athletic contest or violates
760 substance abuse policies established by the nonprofit
761 association;
762 e. The student has exhausted 4 years of athletic
763 eligibility, graduated from high school, or attained the maximum
764 age established by the nonprofit association, whichever occurs
765 first;
766 f. The student does not pass a medical evaluation pursuant
767 to s. 1006.20(2)(c), except as otherwise provided in s.
768 1006.20(2)(d); or
769 g. The student forfeits his or her amateur status, as
770 defined by the nonprofit association.
771 2. A student may not be declared ineligible to participate
772 in interscholastic athletic competition because the student
773 participated on a nonschool team or nonschool team affiliated
774 with the school in which the student ultimately enrolls or
775 because the student participated in nonschool athletic
776 activities sponsored by a member school of the nonprofit
777 association if, after participating, the student registers for,
778 enrolls in, or applies to attend the sponsoring school. For
779 purposes of this subparagraph, the terms "nonschool team" and
780 "nonschool athletic activities" include, but are not limited to,



781 club teams, travel teams, grade school teams, recreational
782 league teams, personal instruction sessions, summer camp teams,
783 and summer camp nonschool athletic programs.

784 (c)1.~~(b)~~ A ~~Any~~ student who is exempt from attending a full
785 school day based on rules adopted by the district school board
786 for double session schools or programs, experimental schools, or
787 schools operating under emergency conditions must maintain the
788 grade point average required by this section and pass each class
789 for which he or she is enrolled.

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

796 3. A public school or private school student who transfers
797 into a home education program after being declared ineligible
798 for participation in extracurricular activities pursuant to sub-
799 paragraph (b)1.a. is ineligible to participate in such
800 activities as a home education student until the student has
801 successfully completed one semester in a home education program
802 pursuant to s. 1002.41.

803 4. A public school student who transfers to a private
804 school or another public school, or a private school student who
805 transfers to a public school or another private school, after
806 being declared ineligible to participate in extracurricular



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807 activities pursuant to sub-subparagraph (b)1.a. is ineligible to
808 participate in such activities until the student has
809 successfully completed one semester at the school to which he or
810 she transfers and meets the requirements of paragraph (a).

811 (d)-(e) A public school student, a student attending an
812 unaffiliated private school, or a ~~An individual~~ home education
813 student is eligible to participate in an extracurricular
814 activity that is not offered by the student's school or home
815 education program. Participation may occur at any the public
816 school in the school district in which the student resides to
817 which the student would be assigned according to district school
818 board attendance area policies or a public school in another
819 school district which the student could choose to attend
820 pursuant to an district or interdistrict controlled open
821 enrollment policy. A home education student provisions, or may
822 also develop an agreement to participate at a private school, in
823 the interscholastic or extracurricular activities of that
824 school. In order to participate under this paragraph, a student
825 must meet, provided the following conditions are met:

826 1. The home education student must meet the requirements
827 of the home education program pursuant to s. 1002.41.

828 2. During the period of participation at a school, the
829 home education student must demonstrate educational progress as
830 required in paragraph (b) in all subjects taken in the home
831 education program by a method of evaluation agreed upon by the
832 parent and the school principal which may include: review of the



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833 ~~student's work by a certified teacher chosen by the parent;~~
834 ~~grades earned through correspondence; grades earned in courses~~
835 ~~taken at a Florida College System institution, university, or~~
836 ~~trade school; standardized test scores above the 35th~~
837 ~~percentile; or any other method designated in s. 1002.41.~~

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

841 1.4. The home education student must meet the same
842 standards of acceptance, behavior, and performance as required
843 of other students in extracurricular activities.

844 2.5. The student must register with the school his or her
845 intent to participate in interscholastic extracurricular
846 activities as a representative of the school before the
847 beginning date of the nonathletic activity or season for the
848 athletic activity in which he or she wishes to participate. A
849 home education student must be able to participate in curricular
850 activities if that is a requirement for an extracurricular
851 activity.

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

858 4. The student's parent is responsible for transporting



859 the student to and from the school at which the student
860 participates. The school the student attends, the school at
861 which the student participates in the extracurricular activity,
862 the district school board, and the nonprofit association are
863 exempt from civil liability arising from any injury to the
864 student which occurs during such transportation.

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

871 ~~7. Any public school or private school student who has~~
872 ~~been unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation~~
873 ~~in interscholastic extracurricular activities is ineligible to~~
874 ~~participate in such activities as a home education student until~~
875 ~~the student has successfully completed one grading period in~~
876 ~~home education pursuant to subparagraph 2. to become eligible to~~
877 ~~participate as a home education student.~~

878 ~~(d) An individual charter school student pursuant to s.~~
879 ~~1002.33 is eligible to participate at the public school to which~~
880 ~~the student would be assigned according to district school board~~
881 ~~attendance area policies or which the student could choose to~~
882 ~~attend, pursuant to district or interdistrict controlled open-~~
883 ~~enrollment provisions, in any interscholastic extracurricular~~
884 ~~activity of that school, unless such activity is provided by the~~



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885 ~~student's charter school, if the following conditions are met:~~

886 ~~1. The charter school student must meet the requirements~~
887 ~~of the charter school education program as determined by the~~
888 ~~charter school governing board.~~

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

892 ~~3. The charter school student must meet the same residency~~
893 ~~requirements as other students in the school at which he or she~~
894 ~~participates.~~

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

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

905 ~~6. A student who transfers from a charter school program~~
906 ~~to a traditional public school before or during the first~~
907 ~~grading period of the school year is academically eligible to~~
908 ~~participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities during~~
909 ~~the first grading period if the student has a successful~~
910 ~~evaluation from the previous school year, pursuant to~~



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911 ~~subparagraph 2.~~

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

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

926 ~~1. During the period of participation in the~~
927 ~~interscholastic extracurricular activity, meets the requirements~~
928 ~~in paragraph (a).~~

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

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

933 ~~4. Meets the same standards of acceptance, behavior, and~~
934 ~~performance that are required of other students in~~
935 ~~extracurricular activities.~~

936 ~~5. Registers his or her intent to participate in~~



937 ~~interscholastic extracurricular activities with the school~~
938 ~~before the beginning date of the season for the activity in~~
939 ~~which he or she wishes to participate. A Florida Virtual School~~
940 ~~student must be able to participate in curricular activities if~~
941 ~~that is a requirement for an extracurricular activity.~~

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

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

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



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963 ~~which make participation in such activities less accessible to a~~
964 ~~transfer student or a student enrolled in a public school of~~
965 ~~choice, an unaffiliated private school, or a home education~~
966 ~~program students than to other students. A district school board~~
967 ~~or private school may not establish policies regarding transfer~~
968 ~~student eligibility for extracurricular activities which are~~
969 ~~more stringent than the policies established by the nonprofit~~
970 ~~association~~ Except as set forth in paragraph (3)(c), evaluation
971 ~~processes or requirements that are placed on home education~~
972 ~~student participants may not go beyond those that apply under s.~~
973 ~~1002.41 to home education students generally.~~

974 ~~(6)(5)~~ An ~~Any~~ organization or entity that regulates or
975 governs interscholastic extracurricular activities of public
976 schools:

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

979 (b) Shall not discriminate against any eligible student
980 based on an educational choice of public, private, or home
981 education.

982 ~~(7)(6)~~ Public schools are prohibited from membership in
983 any organization or entity that ~~which~~ regulates or governs
984 interscholastic extracurricular activities and discriminates
985 against eligible students in public, private, or home education.

986 ~~(7)~~ ~~Any insurance provided by district school boards for~~
987 ~~participants in extracurricular activities shall cover the~~
988 ~~participating home education student. If there is an additional~~



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989 ~~premium for such coverage, the participating home education~~
990 ~~student shall pay the premium.~~

991 ~~(8) (a) The Florida High School Athletic Association~~
992 ~~(FHSAA), in cooperation with each district school board, shall~~
993 ~~facilitate a program in which a middle school or high school~~
994 ~~student who attends a private school shall be eligible to~~
995 ~~participate in an interscholastic or intrascholastic sport at a~~
996 ~~public high school, a public middle school, or a 6-12 public~~
997 ~~school that is zoned for the physical address at which the~~
998 ~~student resides if:~~

999 ~~1. The private school in which the student is enrolled is~~
1000 ~~not a member of the FHSAA and does not offer an interscholastic~~
1001 ~~or intrascholastic athletic program.~~

1002 ~~2. The private school student meets the guidelines for the~~
1003 ~~conduct of the program established by the FHSAA's board of~~
1004 ~~directors and the district school board. At a minimum, such~~
1005 ~~guidelines shall provide:~~

1006 ~~a. A deadline for each sport by which the private school~~
1007 ~~student's parents must register with the public school in~~
1008 ~~writing their intent for their child to participate at that~~
1009 ~~school in the sport.~~

1010 ~~b. Requirements for a private school student to~~
1011 ~~participate, including, but not limited to, meeting the same~~
1012 ~~standards of eligibility, acceptance, behavior, educational~~
1013 ~~progress, and performance which apply to other students~~
1014 ~~participating in interscholastic or intrascholastic sports at a~~



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1015 ~~public school or FHSAA member private school.~~

1016 ~~(b) The parents of a private school student participating~~
1017 ~~in a public school sport under this subsection are responsible~~
1018 ~~for transporting their child to and from the public school at~~
1019 ~~which the student participates. The private school the student~~
1020 ~~attends, the public school at which the student participates in~~
1021 ~~a sport, the district school board, and the FHSAA are exempt~~
1022 ~~from civil liability arising from any injury that occurs to the~~
1023 ~~student during such transportation.~~

1024 ~~(c) For each academic year, a private school student may~~
1025 ~~only participate at the public school in which the student is~~
1026 ~~first registered under sub-subparagraph (a)2.a. or makes himself~~
1027 ~~or herself a candidate for an athletic team by engaging in a~~
1028 ~~practice.~~

1029 ~~(d) The athletic director of each participating FHSAA~~
1030 ~~member public school shall maintain the student records~~
1031 ~~necessary for eligibility, compliance, and participation in the~~
1032 ~~program.~~

1033 ~~(e) Any non-FHSAA member private school that has a student~~
1034 ~~who wishes to participate in this program must make all student~~
1035 ~~records, including, but not limited to, academic, financial,~~
1036 ~~disciplinary, and attendance records, available upon request of~~
1037 ~~the FHSAA.~~

1038 ~~(f) A student must apply to participate in this program~~
1039 ~~through the FHSAA program application process.~~

1040 ~~(g) Only students who are enrolled in non-FHSAA member~~



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1041 ~~private schools consisting of 125 students or fewer are eligible~~
1042 ~~to participate in the program in any given academic year.~~

1043 Section 3. Section 1006.16, Florida Statutes, is amended
1044 to read:

1045 1006.16 Insuring school students engaged in
1046 extracurricular ~~athletic~~ activities against injury. ~~A~~ Any
1047 district school board, school athletic association, or school
1048 may formulate, conduct, and purchase a plan or method of
1049 insuring, or may self-insure, participants in extracurricular
1050 activities ~~school students~~ against injury sustained by reason of
1051 such participation ~~students engaging and participating~~ in the
1052 extracurricular ~~athletic~~ activities conducted or sponsored by
1053 the district school board, association, or school ~~in which such~~
1054 ~~students are enrolled~~. A district school board, school athletic
1055 association, or school may add a surcharge to the fee charged
1056 for admission to athletic events as a means of producing revenue
1057 to purchase such insurance or to provide self-insurance. A Any
1058 district school board may pay for all or part of such plan or
1059 method of insurance or self-insurance from available district
1060 school board funds. Insurance provided by a district school
1061 board for participants in extracurricular activities must cover
1062 home education and unaffiliated private school students
1063 participating in extracurricular activities at a district public
1064 school pursuant to s. 1006.15 under the same terms and
1065 conditions that apply to students enrolled in a district public
1066 school.



1067 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 1006.19, Florida
 1068 Statutes, is amended to read:

1069 1006.19 Audit of records of nonprofit ~~corporations and~~
 1070 associations handling interscholastic activities.—

1071 (1) Each nonprofit association ~~or corporation~~ that
 1072 operates for the purpose of supervising and controlling
 1073 interscholastic activities of public high schools and whose
 1074 membership is composed of duly certified representatives of
 1075 public high schools, ~~and whose rules and regulations are~~
 1076 ~~established by members thereof,~~ shall have an annual financial
 1077 audit of its accounts and records conducted by an independent
 1078 certified public accountant retained by it and paid from its
 1079 funds. The accountant shall furnish a copy of the audit report
 1080 to the Auditor General within 30 days after completion of the
 1081 audit. At least every 3 years, the Auditor General shall conduct
 1082 an operational audit of the accounts and records of each
 1083 nonprofit association.

1084 Section 5. Subsections (17) and (18) of section 1002.20,
 1085 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1086 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public
 1087 school students must receive accurate and timely information
 1088 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed
 1089 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12
 1090 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory
 1091 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

1092 (17) ATHLETICS; PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.—



1093 (a) Eligibility.—Eligibility requirements for all students
 1094 participating in interscholastic ~~high school~~ athletic
 1095 competition must allow a student to be eligible in the school in
 1096 which he or she first enrolls each school year, the school in
 1097 which the student makes himself or herself a candidate for an
 1098 athletic team by engaging in practice before enrolling, or the
 1099 school to which the student has transferred ~~with approval of the~~
 1100 ~~district school board,~~ in accordance with ~~the provisions of s.~~
 1101 1006.20 ~~1006.20(2)(a)~~.

1102 (b) Medical evaluation.—Students must satisfactorily pass
 1103 a medical evaluation each year before participating in
 1104 athletics, unless the parent objects in writing based on
 1105 religious tenets or practices, in accordance with ~~the provisions~~
 1106 ~~of s. 1006.20~~ 1006.20(2)(d).

1107 (18) EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.—In accordance with ~~the~~
 1108 ~~provisions of s. 1006.15:~~

1109 (a) Eligibility.—Students who meet specified academic and
 1110 conduct requirements are eligible to participate in
 1111 extracurricular activities.

1112 (b) Participation ~~Home education students.~~—All public
 1113 school students, including those enrolled in public schools of
 1114 choice and virtual education, all home education students, and
 1115 students attending an unaffiliated private school may
 1116 participate in any extracurricular activity not offered by the
 1117 student's school or home education program at any public school
 1118 in the school district in which the student resides or a public



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1119 | school in another school district which the student could choose
1120 | to attend pursuant to an interdistrict controlled open
1121 | enrollment policy ~~who meet specified academic and conduct~~
1122 | ~~requirements are eligible to participate in extracurricular~~
1123 | ~~activities at the public school to which the student would be~~
1124 | ~~assigned or could choose to attend according to district school~~
1125 | ~~board policies, or may develop an agreement to participate at a~~
1126 | ~~private school.~~

1127 | ~~(c) Charter school students. Charter school students who~~
1128 | ~~meet specified academic and conduct requirements are eligible to~~
1129 | ~~participate in extracurricular activities at the public school~~
1130 | ~~to which the student would be assigned or could choose to attend~~
1131 | ~~according to district school board policies, unless such~~
1132 | ~~activity is provided by the student's charter school.~~

1133 | ~~(d) Florida Virtual School full-time students. Florida~~
1134 | ~~Virtual School full-time students who meet specified academic~~
1135 | ~~and conduct requirements are eligible to participate in~~
1136 | ~~extracurricular activities at the public school to which the~~
1137 | ~~student would be assigned or could choose to attend according to~~
1138 | ~~district school board policies.~~

1139 | (c)(e) Discrimination prohibited.—Organizations that
1140 | regulate or govern extracurricular activities of public schools
1141 | shall not discriminate against any eligible student based on an
1142 | educational choice of public, private, or home education.

1143 | Section 6. Subsection (11) of section 1002.33, Florida
1144 | Statutes, is amended to read:



1145 | 1002.33 Charter schools.—
 1146 | (11) PARTICIPATION IN ~~INTERSCHOLASTIC~~ EXTRACURRICULAR
 1147 | ACTIVITIES.—A charter school student is eligible to participate
 1148 | in an ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activity at another ~~the~~
 1149 | public school ~~to which the student would be otherwise assigned~~
 1150 | ~~to attend~~ pursuant to s. 1006.15 ~~1006.15(3)(d)~~.
 1151 | Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.