

By Senator Gibson

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to private school student  
3       participation in extracurricular activities; amending  
4       s. 1006.15, F.S.; revising the eligibility  
5       requirements for certain private school students to  
6       participate in interscholastic or intrascholastic  
7       sports at specified public schools; providing an  
8       effective date.

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

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12       Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section  
13       1006.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14       1006.15 Student standards for participation in  
15       interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular student  
16       activities; regulation.—

17       (8) (a) The Florida High School Athletic Association  
18       (FHSAA), in cooperation with each district school board, shall  
19       facilitate a program in which a middle school or high school  
20       student who attends a private school shall be eligible to  
21       participate in an interscholastic or intrascholastic sport at a  
22       public high school, a public middle school, or a 6-12 public  
23       school to which the student would be assigned according to  
24       district school board attendance area policies or which the  
25       student could choose to attend pursuant to s. 1002.31 ~~that is~~  
26       ~~zoned for the physical address at which the student resides if:~~

27       1. The private school in which the student is enrolled is  
28       not a member of the FHSAA.

29       2. The private school student meets the guidelines for the

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30 conduct of the program established by the FHSAA's board of  
31 directors and the district school board. At a minimum, such  
32 guidelines shall provide:

33 a. A deadline for each sport by which the private school  
34 student's parents must register with the public school in  
35 writing their intent for their child to participate at that  
36 school in the sport.

37 b. Requirements for a private school student to  
38 participate, including, but not limited to, meeting the same  
39 standards of eligibility, acceptance, behavior, educational  
40 progress, and performance which apply to other students  
41 participating in interscholastic or intrascholastic sports at a  
42 public school or FHSAA member private school.

43 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.