

By the Committee on Rules; and Senators Grall and Perry

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to interscholastic extracurricular
3 activities; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; authorizing
4 charter school students and Florida Virtual School
5 full-time students to participate in extracurricular
6 activities at a private school under certain
7 circumstances; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; authorizing
8 charter school students to participate in
9 interscholastic extracurricular activities at a
10 private school under certain circumstances; amending
11 s. 1006.15, F.S.; authorizing charter school students
12 and Florida Virtual School full-time program students
13 to participate in interscholastic extracurricular
14 activities at a private school under certain
15 circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

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19 Section 1. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (18) of
20 section 1002.20, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

21 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public
22 school students must receive accurate and timely information
23 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed
24 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12
25 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory
26 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

27 (18) EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.—In accordance with the
28 provisions of s. 1006.15:

29 (c) *Charter school students.*—Charter school students who

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30 meet specified academic and conduct requirements are eligible to
31 participate in extracurricular activities at the public school
32 to which the student would be assigned or could choose to attend
33 according to district school board policies, or may develop an
34 agreement to participate at a private school, unless such
35 activity is provided by the student's charter school.

36 (d) *Florida Virtual School full-time students.*—Florida
37 Virtual School full-time students who meet specified academic
38 and conduct requirements are eligible to participate in
39 extracurricular activities at the public school to which the
40 student would be assigned or could choose to attend according to
41 district school board policies, or may develop an agreement to
42 participate at a private school.

43 Section 2. Subsection (11) of section 1002.33, Florida
44 Statutes, is amended to read:

45 1002.33 Charter schools.—

46 (11) PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC EXTRACURRICULAR
47 ACTIVITIES.—A charter school student is eligible to participate
48 in an interscholastic extracurricular activity at the public
49 school to which the student would be otherwise assigned to
50 attend, or may develop an agreement to participate at a private
51 school, pursuant to s. 1006.15(3) (d).

52 Section 3. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (3) of
53 section 1006.15, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

54 1006.15 Student standards for participation in
55 interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular student
56 activities; regulation.—

57 (3)

58 (d) An individual charter school student pursuant to s.

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59 1002.33 is eligible to participate at the public school to which
60 the student would be assigned according to district school board
61 attendance area policies or which the student could attend, or
62 may develop an agreement to participate at a private school, in
63 any interscholastic extracurricular activity of that school,
64 unless such activity is provided by the student's charter
65 school, if the following conditions are met:

66 1. The charter school student must meet the requirements of
67 the charter school education program as determined by the
68 charter school governing board.

69 2. During the period of participation at a school, the
70 charter school student must demonstrate educational progress as
71 required in paragraph (b).

72 3. The charter school student must meet the same residency
73 requirements as other students in the school at which he or she
74 participates.

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

78 5. The charter school student must register with the school
79 his or her intent to participate in interscholastic
80 extracurricular activities as a representative of the school
81 before participation. A charter school student must be able to
82 participate in curricular activities if that is a requirement
83 for an extracurricular activity.

84 6. A student who transfers from a charter school program to
85 a traditional public school before or during the first grading
86 period of the school year is academically eligible to
87 participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities during

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88 the first grading period if the student has a successful
89 evaluation from the previous school year, pursuant to
90 subparagraph 2.

91 7. Any public school or private school student who has been
92 unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation in
93 interscholastic extracurricular activities is ineligible to
94 participate in such activities as a charter school student until
95 the student has successfully completed one grading period in a
96 charter school pursuant to subparagraph 2. to become eligible to
97 participate as a charter school student.

98 (e) A student of the Florida Virtual School full-time
99 program may participate in any interscholastic extracurricular
100 activity at the public school to which the student would be
101 assigned according to district school board attendance area
102 policies or which the student could choose to attend pursuant to
103 s. 1002.31, or may develop an agreement to participate at a
104 private school, if the student:

105 1. During the period of participation in the
106 interscholastic extracurricular activity, meets the requirements
107 in paragraph (a).

108 2. Meets any additional requirements as determined by the
109 board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School.

110 3. Meets the same residency requirements as other students
111 in the school at which he or she participates.

112 4. Meets the same standards of acceptance, behavior, and
113 performance that are required of other students in
114 extracurricular activities.

115 5. Registers his or her intent to participate in
116 interscholastic extracurricular activities with the school

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117 before participation. A Florida Virtual school student must be
118 able to participate in curricular activities if that is a
119 requirement for an extracurricular activity.

120 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.