

The Florida Senate  
**HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY**

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INTRODUCER: Senator Simon

SUBJECT: Student Participation in Interscholastic and Intrасcholastic Extracurricular Sports

DATE: April 21, 2025

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**I. Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment - 421121** (body with title)

**II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment - 421121** removes from the Senate bill those provisions that:

- Authorize students enrolled in a home education program to participate on interscholastic athletic teams at any public school within their school district, provided they reside in that district and otherwise meet the conditions for participation specified in the statute.
- Authorize middle or high school students attending a private school that is not a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) to participate in interscholastic or intrасcholastic sports at a member public or private school even if their private school offers their sport of interest.

The House amendment adds to the Senate bill the following provisions that:

- Redistribute the eight Governor appointments to the FHSAA board of directors to:
  - Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
  - Three members appointed by the President of the Senate
  - Two members appointed by the Governor
- Require that the FHSAA's bylaws establish the number, size, and composition of each committee on appeals must include a requirement that a majority of the committee's members be representatives of member schools.
- Require each committee on appeals to issue a decision on determinations of ineligibility within 20 days of any appeal during the applicable sports season.
- Provide that the expedited appeals process must require the FHSAA board of directors to issue a decision within 20 days of receiving an appeal of a determination of ineligibility by the committee on appeals. The FHSAA board of directors may conduct meetings for the sole purpose of considering such pending appeals.
- Require all decisions by the committee on appeals to be posted online in a searchable format.

The House amendment maintains the following provisions from the Senate Bill that:

- Eliminate the requirement that students participating from a private school, be enrolled in a non-FHSAA member private school consisting of 200 students or fewer any given academic year.
- Clarify that, in determining whether an FHSAA school offers an activity or sport, it must be expressly designated as one of the following based on the biological sex at birth of the team members: males, men, or boys; females, women, or girls; or coed or mixed, including both males and females.
- Authorize a middle or high school student to participate in an intrascholastic activity at a public school or member private school if the student's private school does not offer the sport. However, the Senate bill applies this provision to an FHSAA member private school, the House amendment does not include FHSAA membership.