

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to interscholastic or intrascholastic
3 extracurricular activities; amending s. 1001.43, F.S.;
4 authorizing district school boards to adopt policies
5 for the use of certain funds to provide funding to
6 athletic coaches or activity sponsors of
7 extracurricular activities; prohibiting such funds
8 from being used as severance pay; amending s. 1006.15,
9 F.S.; revising an exemption from a prohibition on
10 certain transfer students participating in specified
11 sports; providing governing association requirements
12 for determinations of eligibility for student
13 participation in certain extracurricular activities;
14 requiring governing associations to adopt specified
15 bylaws; providing applicability; amending s. 1012.01,
16 F.S.; including athletic administrators in the broad
17 classification of K-12 administrative personnel;
18 authorizing certain athletic administrators to
19 negotiate specified compensation; providing
20 requirements for such compensation; providing an
21 effective date.

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23 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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25 **Section 1. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (2) of**

26 **section 1001.43, Florida Statutes, to read:**

27 1001.43 Supplemental powers and duties of district school
28 board.—The district school board may exercise the following
29 supplemental powers and duties as authorized by this code or
30 State Board of Education rule.

31 (2) FISCAL MANAGEMENT.—The district school board may adopt
32 policies providing for fiscal management of the school district
33 with respect to school purchasing, facilities, nonstate revenue
34 sources, budgeting, fundraising, and other activities relating
35 to the fiscal management of district resources, including, but
36 not limited to, the policies governing:

37 (i) Use of voluntary donations and revenues generated by
38 authorized booster clubs or associations to provide funds to
39 athletic coaches or activity sponsors of an extracurricular
40 activity supported by the booster club or association. Any
41 policy authorizing payment by booster clubs or associations may
42 not control the provision of funds except that such funds may
43 not be used for severance pay.

44 **Section 2. Subsection (9) of section 1006.15, Florida**
45 **Statutes, is amended, and subsection (11) is added to that**
46 **section, to read:**

47 1006.15 Student standards for participation in
48 interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular student
49 activities; regulation.—

50 (9) (a) A student who transfers to a school during the

51 school year may request ~~seek~~ to immediately join an existing
52 team if the roster for the specific interscholastic or
53 intrascholastic extracurricular activity has not reached the
54 activity's identified maximum size and if the coach for the
55 activity determines that the student has the requisite skill and
56 ability to participate. The governing association ~~FHSAA~~ and
57 school district or charter school may not declare such a student
58 ineligible because the student did not have the opportunity to
59 comply with qualifying requirements.

60 (b) A student may not participate in sports ~~a sport~~ if the
61 student participated in sports ~~that same sport~~ at another school
62 during that school year, unless granted approval by the
63 executive director of the governing association or the student
64 meets one of the following criteria:

65 1. Dependent children of active duty military personnel
66 whose move resulted from military orders.

67 2. Children who have been relocated due to a foster care
68 placement in a different school zone.

69 3. Children who move due to a court-ordered change in
70 custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or
71 death of a custodial parent.

72 (c) The governing association must provide a determination
73 of eligibility to the otherwise eligible student within 14 days
74 after such a request is made.

75 (d) The governing association must adopt bylaws

establishing the criteria used in determination of eligibility of students under this subsection as well as an appeals procedure substantially equivalent to the appeals procedures set forth in s. 1006.20(7).

(e) A student who was denied eligibility may appeal the decision from the governing association pursuant to the bylaws of the association. The governing association must adopt bylaws establishing a timeline for appeals that may not exceed 20 days.

(11) Any organization that conducts a school-related or school support-related function or activity is subject to the requirements of this section.

~~4. Authorized for good cause in district or charter school policy.~~

Section 3. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (3) of section 1012.01, Florida Statutes, to read:

1012.01 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

(3) ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL.—"Administrative personnel" includes K-12 personnel who perform management activities such as developing broad policies for the school district and executing those policies through the direction of personnel at all levels within the district. Administrative personnel are generally high-level, responsible personnel who have been assigned the responsibilities of systemwide or schoolwide functions, such as district school superintendents, assistant

101 superintendents, deputy superintendents, school principals,
102 assistant principals, career center directors, and others who
103 perform management activities. Broad classifications of K-12
104 administrative personnel are as follows:

105 (d) Athletic administrators.—Included in this
106 classification is any athletic director or coach specified by
107 the district school superintendent at the request of the
108 athletic director or coach who may negotiate individual
109 compensation in excess of compensation otherwise awardable
110 pursuant to s. 1012.22. Such compensation may not exceed the
111 compensation of the highest paid administrator in the district.

112 **Section 4.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.