

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to extracurricular activities;
3 amending s. 1001.43, F.S.; authorizing district school
4 boards to adopt policies for the use of certain funds
5 to provide funding to specified persons relating to
6 extracurricular activities; prohibiting such funds
7 from being used as severance pay or compensation;
8 amending s. 1006.15, F.S.; providing and revising
9 definitions; revising eligibility requirements for a
10 student to participate in an interscholastic or
11 intrascholastic extracurricular activity; providing
12 construction; deleting obsolete provisions; requiring
13 governing organizations to adopt, maintain, and
14 enforce specified manuals or handbooks; requiring that
15 insurance provided by district school boards for
16 participants in extracurricular activities cover any
17 eligible student; deleting requirements for the
18 Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) to
19 facilitate a program for private school students to
20 participate in an interscholastic or intrascholastic
21 sport; requiring the athletic director or other
22 appropriate administrator to maintain records for all
23 eligible students participating in interscholastic or
24 intrascholastic extracurricular activities at a member
25 school; revising requirements for a student to apply

26 | to participate in an interscholastic or
27 | intrascholastic extracurricular activity at certain
28 | schools; authorizing a public school to assess an
29 | activity fee for certain students; providing a
30 | limitation on such fee; requiring such fee to be
31 | annually approved by a district school board or
32 | charter school governing board, as appropriate;
33 | requiring each school to annually publish a complete
34 | list of such fees on its website; requiring parents to
35 | provide transportation to and from the school for
36 | their students; providing indemnity for a school and
37 | district school board under specified circumstances;
38 | prohibiting a student from participating in
39 | interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular
40 | activities at two different schools within the same
41 | school year unless the student meets specified
42 | criteria; requiring the governing organization to
43 | provide a certain determination of eligibility within
44 | a specified timeframe; requiring the governing
45 | organization to adopt specified bylaws; authorizing
46 | the governing organization to adopt additional bylaws;
47 | deleting provisions providing requirements for certain
48 | student transfers; amending s. 1002.31, F.S.; deleting
49 | obsolete language; conforming provisions to changes
50 | made by the act; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; conforming

51 a cross-reference and provisions to changes made by
52 the act; amending s. 1006.195, F.S.; conforming cross-
53 references; amending s. 1006.20, F.S.; requiring the
54 FHSAA to adopt, maintain, and enforce specified
55 manuals or handbooks; requiring the FHSAA to ensure
56 that athletes may request certain exemptions or
57 accommodations; requiring the FHSAA to provide
58 accommodations under certain circumstances;
59 authorizing a student who is denied certain
60 eligibility to appeal a decision made by the governing
61 organization; requiring the governing organization to
62 adopt bylaws to establish a timeline for an appeals
63 process; providing a limitation on such timelines;
64 authorizing the executive director of the FHSAA to
65 rule on specified appeals; amending s. 1012.01, F.S.;
66 including extracurricular athletic administrators in
67 the broad classification of K-12 administrative
68 personnel; authorizing district school superintendents
69 to negotiate specified compensation; providing
70 requirements for such compensation; providing an
71 effective date.

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

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75 **Section 1. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (2) of**

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

77 1001.43 Supplemental powers and duties of district school
78 board.—The district school board may exercise the following
79 supplemental powers and duties as authorized by this code or
80 State Board of Education rule.

81 (2) FISCAL MANAGEMENT.—The district school board may adopt
82 policies providing for fiscal management of the school district
83 with respect to school purchasing, facilities, nonstate revenue
84 sources, budgeting, fundraising, and other activities relating
85 to the fiscal management of district resources, including, but
86 not limited to, the policies governing:

87 (i) Use of voluntary donations and revenues generated by
88 authorized booster clubs or associations to provide funds to
89 athletic coaches, activity directors, or activity sponsors of an
90 extracurricular activity supported by the booster club or
91 association. Any policy authorizing payment by booster clubs or
92 associations may not control the provision of funds except that
93 such funds may not be used for severance pay or for compensation
94 as defined in s. 1012.22 and must comply with all applicable
95 laws.

96 **Section 2. Section 1006.15, Florida Statutes, is amended**
97 **to read:**

98 1006.15 Student standards for participation in
99 interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular student
100 activities; regulation.—

101 (1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Craig
102 Dickinson Act."

103 (2) DETERMINATION.—Interscholastic extracurricular student
104 activities are an important complement to the academic
105 curriculum. Participation in a comprehensive extracurricular and
106 academic program contributes to student development of the
107 social and intellectual skills necessary to become a well-
108 rounded adult. As used in this section, the term
109 "extracurricular" means any school-authorized or education-
110 related activity occurring during or outside the regular
111 instructional school day. In the determination of whether a
112 school offers an activity or a sport, the activity or sport must
113 meet the designation requirements of s. 1006.205(3) (a).

114 (3) ~~(a)~~ DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section and s.
115 1006.20, the term:

116 (a) "Eligible student" means a home education student,
117 charter school student, private school student, Florida Virtual
118 School student, alternative school student, or traditional
119 public school student who wishes to participate in an
120 interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity.

121 (b) "Eligible to participate":

122 1. Includes, but is not limited to, a student
123 participating in any of the following:

124 a. Tryouts.7

125 b. Off-season conditioning.7

- 126 c. Summer workouts.~~7~~
- 127 d. Preseason conditioning.~~7~~
- 128 e. In-season practice.~~7~~
- 129 f. ~~or~~ Contests.

130 2. ~~The term~~ Does not mean that a student must be placed on
 131 any specific team for interscholastic or intrascholastic
 132 extracurricular activities.

133 (c) "Extracurricular" means any school-authorized or
 134 education-related activity occurring during or outside the
 135 regular instructional school day.

136 (d) "Governing organization" means any organization that
 137 governs the interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular
 138 activity of a school, including, but not limited to, the Florida
 139 High School Athletic Association.

140 (4) ELIGIBILITY.-

141 (a) To be eligible to participate in interscholastic
 142 extracurricular student activities, a student must:

143 1. Maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0
 144 scale, or its equivalent, in the previous semester or a
 145 cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale,
 146 or its equivalent, in the courses required by s. 1002.3105(5) or
 147 s. 1003.4282.

148 2. Execute and fulfill the requirements of an academic
 149 performance contract between the student, the district school
 150 board, the appropriate governing association, and the student's

151 parents, if the student's cumulative grade point average falls
152 below 2.0, or its equivalent, on a 4.0 scale in the courses
153 required by s. 1002.3105(5) or s. 1003.4282. At a minimum, the
154 contract must require that the student attend summer school, or
155 its graded equivalent, between grades 9 and 10 or grades 10 and
156 11, as necessary.

157 3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above
158 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the courses required by s.
159 1002.3105(5) or s. 1003.4282 during his or her junior or senior
160 year.

161 4. Maintain satisfactory conduct, including adherence to
162 appropriate dress and other codes of student conduct policies
163 described in s. 1006.07(2). If a student is convicted of, or is
164 found to have committed, a felony or a delinquent act that would
165 have been a felony if committed by an adult, regardless of
166 whether adjudication is withheld, the student's participation in
167 interscholastic extracurricular activities is contingent upon
168 established and published district school board policy.

169 (b) Any student who is exempt from attending a full school
170 day based on rules adopted by the district school board for
171 double session schools or programs, experimental schools, or
172 schools operating under emergency conditions must maintain the
173 grade point average required by this section and pass each class
174 for which he or she is enrolled.

175 (c) A home education student must meet the requirements of

176 the home education program pursuant to s. 1002.41.

177 1. During the period of participation at a school, the
178 home education student must demonstrate educational progress as
179 required in paragraph (b) in all subjects taken in the home
180 education program by a method of evaluation agreed upon by the
181 parent and the school principal, which evaluation may include
182 review of the student's work by a certified teacher chosen by
183 the parent; grades earned through correspondence; grades earned
184 in courses taken at a Florida College System institution, state
185 university, or district career center; standardized test scores
186 above the 35th percentile; or any other method designated in s.
187 1002.41.

188 2. The home education student must meet the same standards
189 of acceptance, behavior, and performance as required of other
190 students in extracurricular activities.

191 3. A student who transfers from a home education program
192 to a public school before or during the first grading period of
193 the school year is academically eligible to participate in
194 interscholastic extracurricular activities during the first
195 grading period, provided the student has a successful evaluation
196 from the previous school year pursuant to subparagraph 1.

197 (d)(e)1. A An individual home education student is
198 eligible to participate in an interscholastic or intrascholastic
199 extracurricular activity at the school in which he or she is
200 enrolled.

201 (e) An eligible student may participate in an
202 interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity at a
203 school other than the school in which the student is enrolled
204 if:

205 1. The school in which the student is enrolled does not
206 offer the same interscholastic or intrascholastic
207 extracurricular activity or the student is in a home education
208 program; and

209 2. The school at which the student will participate in the
210 interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity is
211 located in the school district in which the student resides.

212 (f) If no public or charter schools in the district in
213 which the student resides offer the interscholastic or
214 intrascholastic extracurricular activity, and an agreement
215 cannot be reached with a private school in the district in which
216 the student resides, the student may participate at a public,
217 charter, or private school that is appropriate for the student's
218 grade level located outside of his or her school district. The
219 school at which the student participates pursuant to this
220 paragraph must be in a school district adjacent to the school
221 district in which the student resides.

222 (g) If a student has exhausted all options outlined above
223 for participation in an interscholastic or intrascholastic
224 extracurricular activity, the student may petition the executive
225 director of the applicable governing organization to explore

226 options for participation at a school not otherwise authorized
227 by this section.

228 (h) For purposes of this subsection, any participation by
229 an eligible student at a private school other than the school in
230 which the student is enrolled must be pursuant to an agreement
231 between the private school and the student. ~~at the public school~~
232 ~~to which the student would be assigned according to district~~
233 ~~school board attendance area policies or which the student could~~
234 ~~choose to attend pursuant to s. 1002.31, or may develop an~~
235 ~~agreement to participate at a private school, in the~~
236 ~~interscholastic extracurricular activities of that school,~~
237 ~~provided the following conditions are met:~~

238 ~~a. The home education student must meet the requirements~~
239 ~~of the home education program pursuant to s. 1002.41.~~

240 ~~b. During the period of participation at a school, the~~
241 ~~home education student must demonstrate educational progress as~~
242 ~~required in paragraph (b) in all subjects taken in the home~~
243 ~~education program by a method of evaluation agreed upon by the~~
244 ~~parent and the school principal which may include: review of the~~
245 ~~student's work by a certified teacher chosen by the parent;~~
246 ~~grades earned through correspondence; grades earned in courses~~
247 ~~taken at a Florida College System institution, university, or~~
248 ~~trade school; standardized test scores above the 35th~~
249 ~~percentile; or any other method designated in s. 1002.41.~~

250 ~~c. The home education student must meet the same residency~~

251 ~~requirements as other students in the school at which he or she~~
252 ~~participates.~~

253 ~~d. The home education student must meet the same standards~~
254 ~~of acceptance, behavior, and performance as required of other~~
255 ~~students in extracurricular activities.~~

256 ~~e. The student must register with the school his or her~~
257 ~~intent to participate in interscholastic extracurricular~~
258 ~~activities as a representative of the school before~~
259 ~~participation. A home education student must be able to~~
260 ~~participate in curricular activities if that is a requirement~~
261 ~~for an extracurricular activity.~~

262 ~~f. A student who transfers from a home education program~~
263 ~~to a public school before or during the first grading period of~~
264 ~~the school year is academically eligible to participate in~~
265 ~~interscholastic extracurricular activities during the first~~
266 ~~grading period provided the student has a successful evaluation~~
267 ~~from the previous school year, pursuant to sub-subparagraph b.~~

268 ~~g. Any public school or private school student who has~~
269 ~~been unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation~~
270 ~~in interscholastic extracurricular activities is ineligible to~~
271 ~~participate in such activities as a home education student until~~
272 ~~the student has successfully completed one grading period in~~
273 ~~home education pursuant to sub-subparagraph b. to become~~
274 ~~eligible to participate as a home education student.~~

275 ~~2. An individual home education student is eligible to~~

276 ~~participate on an interscholastic athletic team at any public~~
277 ~~school in the school district in which the student resides,~~
278 ~~provided the student meets the conditions specified in sub-~~
279 ~~subparagraphs 1.a.-g.~~

280 ~~(d) An individual charter school student pursuant to s.~~
281 ~~1002.33 is eligible to participate at the public school to which~~
282 ~~the student would be assigned according to district school board~~
283 ~~attendance area policies or which the student could attend, or~~
284 ~~may develop an agreement to participate at a private school, in~~
285 ~~any interscholastic extracurricular activity of that school,~~
286 ~~unless such activity is provided by the student's charter~~
287 ~~school, if the following conditions are met:~~

288 ~~1. The charter school student must meet the requirements~~
289 ~~of the charter school education program as determined by the~~
290 ~~charter school governing board.~~

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

294 ~~3. The charter school student must meet the same residency~~
295 ~~requirements as other students in the school at which he or she~~
296 ~~participates.~~

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

300 ~~5. The charter school student must register with the~~

301 ~~school his or her intent to participate in interscholastic~~
302 ~~extracurricular activities as a representative of the school~~
303 ~~before participation. A charter school student must be able to~~
304 ~~participate in curricular activities if that is a requirement~~
305 ~~for an extracurricular activity.~~

306 ~~6. A student who transfers from a charter school program~~
307 ~~to a traditional public school before or during the first~~
308 ~~grading period of the school year is academically eligible to~~
309 ~~participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities during~~
310 ~~the first grading period if the student has a successful~~
311 ~~evaluation from the previous school year pursuant to~~
312 ~~subparagraph 2.~~

313 ~~7. Any public school or private school student who has~~
314 ~~been unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation~~
315 ~~in interscholastic extracurricular activities is ineligible to~~
316 ~~participate in such activities as a charter school student until~~
317 ~~the student has successfully completed one grading period in a~~
318 ~~charter school pursuant to subparagraph 2. to become eligible to~~
319 ~~participate as a charter school student.~~

320 ~~(c) A student of the Florida Virtual School full-time~~
321 ~~program may participate in any interscholastic extracurricular~~
322 ~~activity at the public school to which the student would be~~
323 ~~assigned according to district school board attendance area~~
324 ~~policies or which the student could choose to attend pursuant to~~
325 ~~s. 1002.31, or may develop an agreement to participate at a~~

326 ~~private school, if the student:~~

327 1. ~~During the period of participation in the~~
328 ~~interscholastic extracurricular activity, meets the requirements~~
329 ~~in paragraph (a).~~

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

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

334 4. ~~Meets the same standards of acceptance, behavior, and~~
335 ~~performance that are required of other students in~~
336 ~~extracurricular activities.~~

337 5. ~~Registers his or her intent to participate in~~
338 ~~interscholastic extracurricular activities with the school~~
339 ~~before participation. A Florida Virtual school student must be~~
340 ~~able to participate in curricular activities if that is a~~
341 ~~requirement for an extracurricular activity.~~

342 (f) ~~A student who transfers from the Florida Virtual~~
343 ~~School full-time program to a traditional public school before~~
344 ~~or during the first grading period of the school year is~~
345 ~~academically eligible to participate in interscholastic~~
346 ~~extracurricular activities during the first grading period if~~
347 ~~the student has a successful evaluation from the previous school~~
348 ~~year pursuant to paragraph (a).~~

349 (g) ~~A public school or private school student who has been~~
350 ~~unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation in~~

351 ~~interscholastic extracurricular activities is ineligible to~~
352 ~~participate in such activities as a Florida Virtual School~~
353 ~~student until the student successfully completes one grading~~
354 ~~period in the Florida Virtual School pursuant to paragraph (a).~~

355 ~~(h) A student in a full-time virtual instruction program~~
356 ~~under s. 1002.45, including the full-time Florida Virtual School~~
357 ~~program, a full-time school district virtual instruction~~
358 ~~program, or a full-time virtual charter school, is eligible to~~
359 ~~participate on an interscholastic athletic team at any public~~
360 ~~school in the school district in which the student resides, or~~
361 ~~may develop an agreement to participate at a private school,~~
362 ~~provided the student:~~

363 ~~1. During the period of participation in the~~
364 ~~interscholastic extracurricular activity, meets the requirements~~
365 ~~in paragraph (a);~~

366 ~~2. Meets any additional requirements as determined by the~~
367 ~~board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School, the district~~
368 ~~school board, or the governing board of the virtual charter~~
369 ~~school, as applicable;~~

370 ~~3. Meets the same residency requirements as other students~~
371 ~~in the school at which he or she participates;~~

372 ~~4. Meets the same standards of athletic team acceptance,~~
373 ~~behavior, and performance which are required of other students~~
374 ~~in extracurricular activities; and~~

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

376 ~~interscholastic extracurricular activities with the school~~
377 ~~before participation.~~

378 ~~(i) An individual traditional public school student who is~~
379 ~~otherwise eligible to participate in interscholastic~~
380 ~~extracurricular activities may either participate in any such~~
381 ~~activity at any public school in the school district in which~~
382 ~~the student resides or develop an agreement to participate in~~
383 ~~such activity at a private school, unless the activity is~~
384 ~~provided by the student's traditional public school. Such~~
385 ~~student must:~~

386 ~~1. Meet the same standards of acceptance, behavior, and~~
387 ~~performance that are required of other students in~~
388 ~~extracurricular activities at the school at which the student~~
389 ~~wishes to participate.~~

390 ~~2. Before participation, register with the school his or~~
391 ~~her intent to participate in interscholastic extracurricular~~
392 ~~activities as a representative of the school. The student must~~
393 ~~be able to participate in curricular activities if that is a~~
394 ~~requirement for an extracurricular activity.~~

395 ~~(j)1. A school district or charter school may not delay~~
396 ~~eligibility or otherwise prevent a student participating in~~
397 ~~controlled open enrollment, or a choice program, from being~~
398 ~~immediately eligible to participate in interscholastic and~~
399 ~~intrascholastic extracurricular activities.~~

400 ~~2. A student may not participate in a sport if the student~~

401 ~~participated in that same sport at another school during that~~
402 ~~school year, unless the student meets one of the following~~
403 ~~criteria:~~

404 ~~a. Dependent children of active duty military personnel~~
405 ~~whose move resulted from military orders.~~

406 ~~b. Children who have been relocated due to a foster care~~
407 ~~placement in a different school zone.~~

408 ~~c. Children who move due to a court-ordered change in~~
409 ~~custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or~~
410 ~~death of a custodial parent.~~

411 ~~d. Authorized for good cause in district or charter school~~
412 ~~policy.~~

413 ~~(5)-(4)~~ BEGINNING APPLICABILITY.—The student standards for
414 participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities must
415 be applied beginning with the student's first semester of the
416 9th grade. Each student must meet such other requirements for
417 participation as may be established by the district school
418 board; however, a district school board may not establish
419 requirements for participation in interscholastic
420 extracurricular activities which make participation in such
421 activities less accessible to home education students than to
422 other students. ~~Except as set forth in paragraph (3)(c),~~
423 ~~evaluation processes or requirements that are placed on home~~
424 ~~education student participants may not go beyond those that~~
425 ~~apply under s. 1002.41 to home education students generally.~~

426 (6)-(5) GOVERNING ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITIES.—All
 427 governing organizations ~~Any organization or entity that~~
 428 ~~regulates or governs interscholastic extracurricular activities~~
 429 ~~of public schools:~~

430 (a) Shall permit home education associations to join as
 431 member schools.

432 (b) May ~~Shall~~ not discriminate against any eligible
 433 student based on an educational choice of public, private, or
 434 home education.

435 (c) Must adopt, maintain, and enforce sport-specific
 436 manuals or handbooks that govern interscholastic competition,
 437 which must comply with the requirements of s. 1006.20(2)(o).

438 (7)-(6) PROHIBITED MEMBERSHIPS.—Public schools are
 439 prohibited from membership in any governing organization ~~that~~ ~~or~~
 440 ~~entity which regulates or governs interscholastic~~
 441 ~~extracurricular activities and discriminates against eligible~~
 442 ~~students in public, private, or home education.~~

443 (8)-(7) INSURANCE.—Any insurance provided by district
 444 school boards for participants in extracurricular activities
 445 must ~~shall~~ cover any eligible ~~the participating home education~~
 446 ~~student. If there is an additional premium for such coverage,~~
 447 ~~the participating home education student shall pay the premium.~~

448 ~~(8)(a) The Florida High School Athletic Association~~
 449 ~~(FHSAA) shall, in cooperation with each district school board~~
 450 ~~and its member private schools, facilitate a program in which a~~

451 ~~middle school or high school student who attends a private~~
452 ~~school is eligible to participate in an interscholastic or~~
453 ~~intrascholastic sport at a member public high school, a member~~
454 ~~public middle school, a member 6-12 public school, or a member~~
455 ~~private school, as appropriate for the private school student's~~
456 ~~grade level, if:~~

457 ~~1. The private school in which the student is enrolled is~~
458 ~~not a member of the FHSAA or the private school in which the~~
459 ~~student is enrolled is a member of the FHSAA and does not offer~~
460 ~~the sport in which the student wishes to participate.~~

461 ~~2. The private school student meets the guidelines for the~~
462 ~~conduct of the program established by the FHSAA's board of~~
463 ~~directors and the district school board or member private~~
464 ~~school. At a minimum, such guidelines must provide a deadline~~
465 ~~for each sport by which the private school student's parents~~
466 ~~must register with the member school in writing their intent for~~
467 ~~their child to participate at that school in the sport.~~

468 ~~(b) The parents of a private school student participating~~
469 ~~in a member school sport under this subsection are responsible~~
470 ~~for transporting their child to and from the member school at~~
471 ~~which the student participates. The private school the student~~
472 ~~attends, the member school at which the student participates in~~
473 ~~a sport, the district school board, and the FHSAA are exempt~~
474 ~~from civil liability arising from any injury that occurs to the~~
475 ~~student during such transportation.~~

476 ~~(c) For each academic year, a private school student may~~
477 ~~only participate at the member school in which the student is~~
478 ~~first registered under subparagraph (a)2. or makes himself or~~
479 ~~herself a candidate for an athletic team by engaging in a~~
480 ~~practice.~~

481 (9) SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES.—

482 (a)(d) The athletic director or other appropriate
483 administrator of each participating FHSAA member school shall
484 maintain the student records necessary for eligibility,
485 compliance, and participation for all eligible students
486 participating in interscholastic or intrascholastic
487 extracurricular activities at the school in the program.

488 (b)(e) Any private school that has a student who is
489 seeking wishes to participate in interscholastic or
490 intrascholastic extracurricular activities at another school
491 this program must make all student records related to that
492 student, including, but not limited to, academic, financial,
493 disciplinary, and attendance records, available upon request of
494 the governing organization FHSAA.

495 (c)1. Each public school may assess an activity fee to an
496 enrolled student. Each public school may asses an activity fee
497 to a student who is not enrolled but is eligible to participate
498 pursuant to this section, provided that such fee does not exceed
499 the greater of the following:

500 a. The fee students enrolled at the school pay to

501 participate in the activity; or

502 b. A reasonable fee based on the costs to the school, not
503 to exceed \$400 per activity.

504 2. Annually by July 1, activity fees developed pursuant to
505 sub-subparagraph 1.b. must be approved by the district school
506 board or charter school governing board, as appropriate, after
507 being voted on as an action item. Each public school must
508 publish a complete list of fees developed under this paragraph,
509 by activity, on its website before the beginning of each school
510 year.

511 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), a home education
512 student, pursuant to s. 1002.41, or a public school student
513 participating at a public school at which he or she is not
514 enrolled may only be assessed the fee paid by students enrolled
515 at the school to participate in the activity.

516 (e) The parents of the student participating in the
517 interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity must
518 provide for the transportation of the student to and from the
519 school at which the student participates. The school in which
520 the student is enrolled, the school at which the student
521 participates in the extracurricular activity, and the district
522 school board are exempt from civil liability arising from any
523 injury that occurs to the student during such transportation.

524 (10) STUDENT TRANSFERS.—

525 (a) A student may not participate in sports at two

526 different schools during the same school year, unless the
527 student:

528 1. Is a dependent child of active duty military personnel
529 whose move resulted from military orders;

530 2. Has been relocated due to a foster care placement in a
531 different school zone;

532 3. Has moved due to a court-ordered change in custody due
533 to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or death of a
534 custodial parent; or

535 4. Has been granted approval by the applicable governing
536 organization's executive director.

537 (b) The governing organization must provide a
538 determination of eligibility to the requesting student within 14
539 days after such a request is made.

540 (c) The governing organization shall adopt bylaws
541 establishing criteria for determining eligibility of students
542 pursuant to this section and an appeals procedure equivalent to
543 the appeals procedure set forth in s. 1006.20(7).

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

547 (12) BYLAWS.—The governing organization may adopt
548 additional bylaws to implement this section.

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

551 ~~(9) (a) A student who transfers to a school during the~~
552 ~~school year may seek to immediately join an existing team if the~~
553 ~~roster for the specific interscholastic or intrascholastic~~
554 ~~extracurricular activity has not reached the activity's~~
555 ~~identified maximum size and if the coach for the activity~~
556 ~~determines that the student has the requisite skill and ability~~
557 ~~to participate. The FHSAA and school district or charter school~~
558 ~~may not declare such a student ineligible because the student~~
559 ~~did not have the opportunity to comply with qualifying~~
560 ~~requirements.~~

561 ~~(b) A student may not participate in a sport if the~~
562 ~~student participated in that same sport at another school during~~
563 ~~that school year, unless the student meets one of the following~~
564 ~~criteria:~~

565 ~~1. Dependent children of active duty military personnel~~
566 ~~whose move resulted from military orders.~~

567 ~~2. Children who have been relocated due to a foster care~~
568 ~~placement in a different school zone.~~

569 ~~3. Children who move due to a court-ordered change in~~
570 ~~custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or~~
571 ~~death of a custodial parent.~~

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

574 ~~(10) A student who participates in an interscholastic or~~
575 ~~intrascholastic activity at a public school and who transfers~~

576 ~~from that school during the school year must be allowed to~~
577 ~~continue to participate in the activity at that school for the~~
578 ~~remainder of the school year if:~~

579 ~~(a) During the period of participation in the activity,~~
580 ~~the student continues to meet the requirements specified in~~
581 ~~paragraph (3) (a).~~

582 ~~(b) The student continues to meet the same standards of~~
583 ~~acceptance, behavior, and performance which are required of~~
584 ~~other students participating in the activity, except for~~
585 ~~enrollment requirements at the school at which the student~~
586 ~~participates.~~

587 ~~(c) The parents of the student participating in the~~
588 ~~activity provide for the transportation of the student to and~~
589 ~~from the school at which the student participates. The school~~
590 ~~the student attends, the school at which the student~~
591 ~~participates in the activity, and the district school board are~~
592 ~~exempt from civil liability arising from any injury that occurs~~
593 ~~to the student during such transportation.~~

594 **Section 3. Subsection (6) of section 1002.31, Florida**
595 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

596 1002.31 Controlled open enrollment; public school parental
597 choice.—

598 (6)(a) A school district or charter school may not delay
599 eligibility or otherwise prevent a student participating in
600 controlled open enrollment or a choice program from being

601 immediately eligible to participate in interscholastic and
 602 intrascholastic extracurricular activities, except as provided
 603 under s. 1006.15.

604 ~~(b) A student may not participate in a sport if the~~
 605 ~~student participated in that same sport at another school during~~
 606 ~~that school year, unless the student meets one of the following~~
 607 ~~criteria:~~

608 ~~1. Dependent children of active duty military personnel~~
 609 ~~whose move resulted from military orders.~~

610 ~~2. Children who have been relocated due to a foster care~~
 611 ~~placement in a different school zone.~~

612 ~~3. Children who move due to a court-ordered change in~~
 613 ~~custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or~~
 614 ~~death of a custodial parent.~~

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

617 **Section 4. Subsection (11) of section 1002.33, Florida**
 618 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

619 1002.33 Charter schools.—

620 (11) PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC EXTRACURRICULAR
 621 ACTIVITIES.—A charter school student is eligible to participate
 622 in an interscholastic extracurricular activity ~~at the public~~
 623 ~~school to which the student would be otherwise assigned to~~
 624 ~~attend, or may develop an agreement to participate at a private~~
 625 ~~school, pursuant to s. 1006.15 s. 1006.15(3)(d).~~

626 **Section 5. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of**
 627 **section 1006.195, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

628 1006.195 District school board, charter school authority
 629 and responsibility to establish student eligibility regarding
 630 participation in interscholastic and intrascholastic
 631 extracurricular activities.—Notwithstanding any provision to the
 632 contrary in ss. 1006.15, 1006.18, and 1006.20, regarding student
 633 eligibility to participate in interscholastic and
 634 intrascholastic extracurricular activities:

635 (1) (a) A district school board shall ~~must~~ establish,
 636 through its code of student conduct, student eligibility
 637 standards and related student disciplinary actions regarding
 638 student participation in interscholastic and intrascholastic
 639 extracurricular activities. The code of student conduct must
 640 provide that:

641 1. A student not currently suspended from interscholastic
 642 or intrascholastic extracurricular activities, or suspended or
 643 expelled from school, pursuant to a district school board's
 644 suspension or expulsion powers provided in law, including ss.
 645 1006.07, 1006.08, and 1006.09, is eligible to participate in
 646 interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular activities.

647 2. A student may not participate in a sport if the student
 648 participated in that same sport at another school during that
 649 school year, unless the student meets the criteria in s.
 650 1006.15(10)(a) ~~s. 1006.15(3)(j)~~.

651 3. A student's eligibility to participate in any
652 interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity may
653 not be affected by any alleged recruiting violation until final
654 disposition of the allegation pursuant to s. 1006.20(2)(b).

655 (b) Students who participate in interscholastic and
656 intrascholastic extracurricular activities for, but are not
657 enrolled in, a public school pursuant to s. 1006.15(4) ~~s.~~
658 ~~1006.15(3)(c)-(e) and (8)~~, are subject to the district school
659 board's code of student conduct for the limited purpose of
660 establishing and maintaining the student's eligibility to
661 participate at the school.

662 **Section 6. Paragraph (e) of subsection (7) of section**
663 **1006.20, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (o) is**
664 **added to subsection (2) of that section, to read:**

665 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

666 (2) ADOPTION OF BYLAWS, POLICIES, OR GUIDELINES.—

667 (o) The FHSAA shall adopt, maintain, and enforce sport-
668 specific manuals or handbooks that govern interscholastic
669 competition. The manuals or handbooks may include, but are not
670 limited to, timing, scoring, equipment, officiating, and athlete
671 safety. The FHSAA must ensure that athletes may request
672 exemptions or accommodations from real-time scoring requirements
673 not later than 72 hours before a sanctioned event. If a request
674 is made within the prescribed time, the FHSAA must provide
675 access to accommodations for such participants.

676 (7) APPEALS.—

677 (e) A student athlete or member school that receives an
678 unfavorable ruling from a committee on appeals or the executive
679 director shall be entitled to appeal that decision to the board
680 of directors at its next regularly scheduled meeting or called
681 meeting. The FHSAA's bylaws must establish a timeline for
682 appeals relating to eligibility which may not exceed 20 days
683 after the date of receipt of the appeal. The board of directors
684 shall have the authority to uphold, reverse, or amend the
685 decision of the committee on appeals or the executive director.
686 In all such cases, the decision of the board of directors shall
687 be final.

688 **Section 7. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (3) of**
689 **section 1012.01, Florida Statutes, to read:**

690 1012.01 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the
691 following terms have the following meanings:

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

701 assistant principals, career center directors, and others who
702 perform management activities. Broad classifications of K-12
703 administrative personnel are as follows:

704 (d) Extracurricular activities administrator.—Included in
705 this classification is any athletic director or coach or any
706 activity director or sponsor specified by the district school
707 superintendent at the request of the individual. The district
708 school superintendent may negotiate individual compensation in
709 excess of compensation otherwise awardable pursuant to s.
710 1012.22. Such compensation may not exceed the compensation of
711 the highest paid administrator in the district.

712 **Section 8.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.