

Committee on Education

CS/HB 1109 — Private School Student Participation in Extracurricular Activities

by Education Committee; and Rep. Antone and others (SB 1302 by Senator Gibson)

The bill revises eligibility requirements for certain private school students to participate in interscholastic or intrascholastic sports. Specifically, the bill requires the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA), in cooperation with each district school board, to allow a student attending a private school that is not a member of the FHSAA to participate in interscholastic or intrascholastic sports at a public school to which the student:

- Would be assigned pursuant to district school board attendance area policies and procedures; or
- Could choose to attend pursuant to controlled open enrollment, provided that the public school has not reached capacity as determined by the school board.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2017.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 119-0