

By Senator Silver

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to student athletes; requiring
3 the State Board of Education to adopt by rule
4 uniform procedures to be implemented when a
5 student athlete is arrested for a crime;
6 providing for such procedures to apply to the
7 State University System, community colleges,
8 and institutions that receive state funds;
9 defining the term "student athlete"; requiring
10 that notice be provided to faculty and
11 students; providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. (1) The State Board of Education shall
16 adopt by rule uniform policies and procedures to be
17 implemented if a student athlete is arrested for a crime. The
18 uniform procedures shall apply to each institution in the
19 State University System, each state community college, and any
20 other institution of higher education that receives state
21 funds. The uniform policies and procedures must be included in
22 the institution's handbook, manual, or other similar document
23 regularly provided to faculty and students.

24 (2) As used in this section, the term "student
25 athlete" means a student who participates in intercollegiate
26 athletics or who has informed the institution, in writing, of
27 the student's intent to participate in intercollegiate
28 athletics.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
30 law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires that the State Board of Education adopt uniform procedures to be implemented when a student athlete is arrested for a crime. Defines the term "student athlete" to mean a student who participates, or who has expressed an intent in writing to participate, in intercollegiate athletics. Provides for the procedures to apply to the State University System, state community colleges, and other institutions that receive state funds. Requires that the uniform procedures be included in each institution's handbook or manual provided to faculty and students.