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See HB 73

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to education; amending s.
 3 232.425, F.S., relating to student standards
 4 for participation in interscholastic
 5 extracurricular student activities; providing
 6 that the participation of nonpublic school
 7 students in interscholastic extracurricular
 8 activities at public schools and the
 9 participation of public school students in
 10 interscholastic extracurricular activities at
 11 nonpublic schools is not mandatory; revising
 12 provisions relating to the grade point average
 13 required for participation in interscholastic
 14 extracurricular student activities; requiring a
 15 contract to be executed upon a student's
 16 falling below a certain cumulative grade point
 17 average; amending s. 232.61, F.S., relating to
 18 bylaws relating to student eligibility adopted
 19 by the governing organization for athletics;
 20 providing an effective date.

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

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 24 Section 1. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 232.425,
 25 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

26 232.425 Student standards for participation in
 27 interscholastic extracurricular student activities;
 28 regulation.--

29 (2) The Legislature recognizes the importance of
 30 interscholastic extracurricular student activities as a
 31 complement to the academic curriculum. Participation in a

1 comprehensive extracurricular and academic program contributes
2 to student development of the social and intellectual skills
3 necessary to become a well-rounded adult. It is the intent of
4 the Legislature to provide the mechanism for all students in
5 Florida to participate in interscholastic extracurricular
6 activities. However, nothing in this act shall be interpreted
7 to mean that a public school must allow a student enrolled in
8 a nonpublic school to participate in interscholastic
9 extracurricular activities on behalf of the public school, nor
10 shall it be interpreted to mean that a nonpublic school must
11 allow a student enrolled in a public school to participate in
12 interscholastic extracurricular activities on behalf of the
13 nonpublic school. This provision does not apply to home
14 education students.As used in this section, the term
15 "extracurricular" means any school-authorized or
16 education-related activity occurring during or outside the
17 regular instructional school day.

18 (3)(a) To be eligible to participate in
19 interscholastic extracurricular student activities, a student
20 ~~entering the 9th grade during the 1997-1998 school year and~~
21 ~~thereafter~~ must:

22 1. Maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a
23 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the previous semester
24 ~~cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale,~~
25 ~~or its equivalent, in the courses required by s. 232.246(1).~~

26 2. Execute and fulfill the requirements of an academic
27 performance contract between the student, the school district,
28 the governing organization for athletics, and the student's
29 parents or guardian, if the student's cumulative grade point
30 average falls below 2.0, or its equivalent, on a 4.0 scale in
31 the courses required by s. 232.246(1) or, for ~~in order to be~~

1 ~~eligible under this section,~~ students who entered the 9th
2 grade prior to the 1997-1998 school year, if the student's
3 ~~must maintain a~~ cumulative grade point average falls below of
4 2.0 ~~or above~~ on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the courses
5 required by s. 232.246(1) that are taken after July 1, 1997,
6 ~~or have an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or~~
7 ~~above.~~ At a minimum, the contract must require that the
8 student attend summer school, or its graded equivalent,
9 between grades 9 and 10 or grades 10 and 11, as necessary.

10 3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or
11 above on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the courses
12 required by s. 232.246(1) during his or her junior or senior
13 year. ~~Eligibility for the first semester of the 1997-1998~~
14 ~~school year for those students who entered the 9th grade prior~~
15 ~~to the 1997-1998 school year shall be based on the school~~
16 ~~board's policy in effect for the 1996-1997 school year.~~

17 4. Additionally, a student must Maintain satisfactory
18 conduct and, if a student is convicted of, or is found to have
19 committed, a felony or a delinquent act which would have been
20 a felony if committed by an adult, regardless of whether
21 adjudication is withheld, the student's participation in
22 interscholastic extracurricular activities is contingent upon
23 established and published school board policy.

24 (b) Any student who is exempt from attending a full
25 school day under s. 228.041(13) must maintain the grade point
26 average required by this section and pass each class for which
27 he or she is enrolled.

28 (c) An individual home education student is eligible
29 to participate at the a public school to which the student
30 would be assigned according to district school attendance area
31 policies or which the student could choose to attend pursuant

1 to district or interdistrict controlled open enrollment
2 provisions, or ~~and~~ may develop an agreement to participate at
3 a nonpublic school, in the interscholastic extracurricular
4 activities of that school, provided the following conditions
5 are met:

6 1. The home education student must meet the
7 requirements of the home education program pursuant to s.
8 232.0201.

9 2. During the period of participation at a school, the
10 home education student must demonstrate educational progress
11 as required in paragraph (b) in all subjects taken in the home
12 education program by a method of evaluation agreed upon by the
13 parent or guardian and the principal which may include: review
14 of the student's work by a certified teacher chosen by the
15 parent; grades earned through correspondence; grades earned in
16 courses taken at a community college, university, or trade
17 school; standardized test scores above the 35th percentile; or
18 any other method designated in s. 232.0201.

19 3. The home education student must meet the same
20 residency requirements as other students in the school at
21 which he or she participates.

22 4. The home education student must meet the same
23 standards of acceptance, behavior, and performance as required
24 of other students in extracurricular activities.

25 5. The student must register with the school his or
26 her intent to participate in interscholastic extracurricular
27 activities as a representative of the school before the
28 beginning date of the season for the activity in which he or
29 she wishes to participate. A home education student must be
30 able to participate in curricular activities if that is a
31 requirement for an extracurricular activity.

1 6. A student who transfers from a home education
2 program to a public school before or during the first grading
3 period of the school year is academically eligible to
4 participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities
5 during the first grading period provided the student has a
6 successful evaluation from the previous school year, pursuant
7 to subparagraph 2.

8 7. Any public school or nonpublic school student who
9 has been unable to maintain academic eligibility for
10 participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities is
11 ineligible to participate in such activities as a home
12 education student until the student has successfully completed
13 one grading period in home education pursuant to subparagraph
14 2. to become eligible to participate as a home education
15 student.

16 Section 2. Section 232.61, Florida Statutes, is
17 amended to read:

18 232.61 Governing organization for athletics; adoption
19 of bylaws.--The organization shall adopt bylaws that, unless
20 specifically provided by statute, establish eligibility
21 requirements for all students who participate in high school
22 athletic competition in its member schools. The bylaws
23 governing residence and transfer shall allow the student to be
24 eligible in the school in which he or she first enrolls each
25 school year, or makes himself or herself a candidate for an
26 athletic team by engaging in a practice prior to enrolling in
27 any member school. The student shall be eligible in that
28 school so long as he or she remains enrolled in that school.
29 Subsequent eligibility shall be determined and enforced
30 through the organization's bylaws. ~~Where the student lives,~~
31 ~~with whom the student lives, or which school the student~~

1 ~~attended the previous year shall not be a factor in~~
2 ~~determining eligibility.~~The organization shall also adopt
3 bylaws that specifically prohibit the recruiting of students
4 for athletic purposes. The bylaws shall prescribe penalties
5 and an appeals process for athletic recruiting violations.

6 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
7 law.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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12 Provides that participation of nonpublic school students
13 in interscholastic extracurricular activities at public
14 schools and the participation of public school students
15 in interscholastic extracurricular activities at
16 nonpublic schools is not mandatory. Revises provisions
17 relating to the grade point average required for
18 participation in interscholastic extracurricular student
19 activities. Requires the execution of a contract between
20 the student, the district, the governing organization for
21 athletics, and the student's parent or guardian upon a
22 student's falling below a certain cumulative grade point
23 average. Amends provisions relating to bylaws relating to
24 student eligibility adopted by the governing organization
25 for athletics.

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