

By Senator Diaz de la Portilla

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See HB 463

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Florida High School  
 3           Activities Association; repealing s. 1006.20,  
 4           F.S., relating to the Florida High School  
 5           Activities Association; amending ss. 1002.20  
 6           and 1002.42, F.S.; correcting cross-references  
 7           to conform; amending s. 1006.18, F.S.; deleting  
 8           a specified duty of the association, to  
 9           conform; requiring the Department of Education  
 10          to adopt safety standards for cheerleaders;  
 11          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. Section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, is  
 16 repealed.

17           Section 2. Subsection (16) of section 1002.20, Florida  
 18 Statutes, is amended to read:

19           1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.--K-12 students  
 20 and their parents are afforded numerous statutory rights  
 21 including, but not limited to, the following:

22           (16) ATHLETICS; PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.--

23           (a) Eligibility.--Eligibility requirements for all  
 24 students participating in high school athletic competition  
 25 must allow a student to be eligible in the school in which he  
 26 or she first enrolls each school year, or makes himself or  
 27 herself a candidate for an athletic team by engaging in  
 28 practice before enrolling, ~~in accordance with the provisions~~  
 29 ~~of s. 1006.20(2)(a).~~

30           (b) Medical evaluation.--Students must satisfactorily  
 31 pass a medical evaluation each year before participating in

1 athletics, unless the parent objects in writing based on  
2 religious tenets or practices, ~~in accordance with the~~  
3 ~~provisions of s. 1006.20(2)(d).~~

4 Section 3. Subsection (8) of section 1002.42, Florida  
5 Statutes, is amended to read:

6 1002.42 Private schools.--

7 (8) ATHLETIC COMPETITION.--A private school may  
8 participate in athletic competition with a public high school  
9 ~~in accordance with the provisions of s. 1006.20(1).~~

10 Section 4. Section 1006.18, Florida Statutes, is  
11 amended to read:

12 1006.18 Cheerleader safety standards.--The Department  
13 ~~of Education Florida High School Activities Association or~~  
14 ~~successor organization~~ shall adopt statewide uniform safety  
15 standards for student cheerleaders and spirit groups that  
16 participate in any school activity or extracurricular student  
17 activity. The Department of Education ~~Florida High School~~  
18 ~~Activities Association or successor organization~~ shall adopt  
19 the "Official High School Spirit Rules," published by the  
20 National Federation of State High School Associations, as the  
21 statewide uniform safety standards.

22 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.  
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