

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Diaz de la Portilla

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Florida High School  
3           Activities Association; amending s. 1006.18,  
4           F.S.; providing technical revisions; amending  
5           s. 1006.20, F.S.; renaming the association as  
6           the Florida High School Athletic Association;  
7           revising the procedures for students' physical  
8           examinations; revising membership of the board  
9           of directors; deleting obsolete provisions;  
10          providing an effective date.

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

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14           Section 1. Section 1006.18, Florida Statutes, is  
15 amended to read:

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

26           Section 2. Subsection (10) of section 1006.20, Florida  
27 Statutes, is repealed, and subsection (1), paragraph (c) of  
28 subsection (2), and paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of that  
29 section are amended to read:

30           1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.--  
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1           (1) GOVERNING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.--The Florida  
2 High School Athletic Activities Association is designated as  
3 the governing nonprofit organization of athletics in Florida  
4 public schools. If the Florida High School Activities  
5 Association fails to meet the provisions of this section, the  
6 commissioner shall designate a nonprofit organization to  
7 govern athletics with the approval of the State Board of  
8 Education. The organization is not to be a state agency as  
9 defined in s. 120.52. The organization shall be subject to the  
10 provisions of s. 1006.19. A private school that wishes to  
11 engage in high school athletic competition with a public high  
12 school may become a member of the organization. The bylaws of  
13 the organization are to be the rules by which high school  
14 athletic programs in its member schools, and the students who  
15 participate in them, are governed, unless otherwise  
16 specifically provided by statute. For the purposes of this  
17 section, "high school" includes grades 6 through 12.

18           (2) ADOPTION OF BYLAWS.--

19           (c) The organization shall adopt bylaws that require  
20 all students participating in interscholastic athletic  
21 competition or who are candidates for an interscholastic  
22 athletic team to satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each  
23 year prior to participating in interscholastic athletic  
24 competition or engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, or  
25 other physical activity associated with the student's  
26 candidacy for an interscholastic athletic team. Such medical  
27 evaluation can only be administered by a practitioner licensed  
28 under the provisions of chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460,  
29 or s. 464.012, and in good standing with the practitioner's  
30 regulatory board. The bylaws shall establish requirements for  
31 eliciting a student's medical history and performing the

1 medical evaluation required under this paragraph, which shall  
2 include a physical assessment of the student's minimum  
3 ~~standards for the physical capabilities to participate~~  
4 ~~necessary for participation~~ in interscholastic athletic  
5 competition as contained in a uniform preparticipation  
6 physical evaluation form. The evaluation form shall provide a  
7 place for the signature of the practitioner performing the  
8 evaluation with an attestation that each examination procedure  
9 listed on the form was performed by the practitioner or by  
10 someone under the direct supervision of the practitioner. The  
11 form shall also contain a place for the practitioner to  
12 indicate if a referral to another practitioner was made in  
13 lieu of completion of a certain examination procedure. The  
14 form shall provide a place for the practitioner to whom the  
15 student was referred to complete the remaining sections and  
16 attest to that portion of the examination. The  
17 preparticipation physical evaluation form shall advise  
18 students to complete a cardiovascular assessment and shall  
19 include information concerning alternative cardiovascular  
20 evaluation and diagnostic tests. Practitioners administering  
21 medical evaluations pursuant to this subsection must, at a  
22 minimum, solicit all information required by, and perform a  
23 physical assessment according to, the uniform preparticipation  
24 form referred to in this paragraph and must certify, based on  
25 the information provided and the physical assessment, that the  
26 student is physically capable of participating in  
27 interscholastic athletic competition ~~know the minimum~~  
28 ~~standards established by the organization and certify that the~~  
29 ~~student meets the standards~~. If the practitioner determines  
30 that there are any abnormal findings in the cardiovascular  
31 system, the student may not participate until a further

1 cardiovascular assessment, which may include an EKG, is  
2 performed which indicates that the student is physically  
3 capable of participating in interscholastic athletic  
4 competition unless a subsequent EKG or other cardiovascular  
5 assessment indicates that the abnormality will not place the  
6 student at risk during such participation. Results of such  
7 medical evaluation must be provided to the school. No student  
8 shall be eligible to participate in any interscholastic  
9 athletic competition or engage in any practice, tryout,  
10 workout, or other physical activity associated with the  
11 student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic team until  
12 the results of the medical evaluation clearing ~~verifying that~~  
13 the student for participation has ~~satisfactorily passed the~~  
14 ~~evaluation have~~ been received and approved by the school.

15 (4) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.--

16 (a) The executive authority of the organization shall  
17 be vested in its board of directors. Any entity that appoints  
18 members to the board of directors shall examine the ethnic and  
19 demographic composition of the board when selecting candidates  
20 for appointment and shall, to the greatest extent possible,  
21 make appointments that reflect state demographic and  
22 population trends. The board of directors shall be composed of  
23 16 ~~15~~ persons, as follows:

24 1. Four public member school representatives, one  
25 elected from among its public school representative members  
26 within each of the four administrative regions.

27 2. Four nonpublic member school representatives, one  
28 elected from among its nonpublic school representative members  
29 within each of the four administrative regions.

30 3. Three ~~Two~~ representatives appointed by the  
31 commissioner, one appointed from the two northernmost

1 administrative regions and one appointed from the two  
2 southernmost administrative regions. The third representative  
3 shall be appointed to balance the board for diversity or state  
4 population trends, or both.

5 4. Two district school superintendents, one elected  
6 from the two northernmost administrative regions by the  
7 members in those regions and one elected from the two  
8 southernmost administrative regions by the members in those  
9 regions.

10 5. Two district school board members, one elected from  
11 the two northernmost administrative regions by the members in  
12 those regions and one elected from the two southernmost  
13 administrative regions by the members in those regions.

14 6. The commissioner or his or her designee from the  
15 department executive staff.

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
17 law.

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19 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
21 Senate Bill 2156

22 Section 1006.20, Florida Statutes is no longer repealed. The  
23 repeal is limited to subsection 1006.20(10), Florida Statutes,  
removing obsolete language.

24 The name of the Florida High School Activities Association is  
25 changed. The Association is renamed the Florida High School  
26 Athletic Association. Membership on the Board of Directors of  
the Association is increased from 15 to 16 to balance the  
27 Board for diversity and population trends. Cross references  
to reflect the name change are incorporated in the bill.

28 Clarifying language relating to student physical assessment by  
29 medical personnel is added.  
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