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

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

Section 1. Section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

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

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

(16) ATHLETICS; PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.--

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

(b) *Medical evaluation*.--Students must satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year before participating in athletics, unless the parent objects in writing based on



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30 religious tenets or practices, ~~in accordance with the provisions~~
 31 ~~of s. 1006.20(2)(d).~~

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

34 1002.42 Private schools.--

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

38 Section 4. Section 1006.18, Florida Statutes, is amended
 39 to read:

40 1006.18 Cheerleader safety standards.--The Department of
 41 Education ~~Florida High School Activities Association or~~
 42 ~~successor organization~~ shall adopt statewide uniform safety
 43 standards for student cheerleaders and spirit groups that
 44 participate in any school activity or extracurricular student
 45 activity. The Department of Education ~~Florida High School~~
 46 ~~Activities Association or successor organization~~ shall adopt the
 47 "Official High School Spirit Rules," published by the National
 48 Federation of State High School Associations, as the statewide
 49 uniform safety standards.

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