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CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on Education K-20 recommends the following:

**Committee Substitute**

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Florida High School Activities Association; amending s. 1006.18, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending s. 1006.20, F.S.; renaming the association; revising procedures relating to student physical assessments; adding an appointee to the board of directors; deleting an obsolete report; requiring a report relating to policy for separate championships in high school sports for private and public schools; providing an effective date.

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

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

1006.18 Cheerleader safety standards.--The Florida High School Athletic ~~Activities~~ Association or successor organization shall adopt statewide uniform safety standards for student cheerleaders and spirit groups that participate in any school



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29 activity or extracurricular student activity. The Florida High  
30 School Athletic ~~Activities~~ Association or successor organization  
31 shall adopt the "Official High School Spirit Rules," published  
32 by the National Federation of State High School Associations, as  
33 the statewide uniform safety standards.

34 Section 2. Subsection (1), paragraph (c) of subsection  
35 (2), paragraph (a) of subsection (4), and subsection (10) of  
36 section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

37 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.--

38 (1) GOVERNING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.--The Florida High  
39 School Athletic ~~Activities~~ Association is designated as the  
40 governing nonprofit organization of athletics in Florida public  
41 schools. If the Florida High School Athletic ~~Activities~~  
42 Association fails to meet the provisions of this section, the  
43 commissioner shall designate a nonprofit organization to govern  
44 athletics with the approval of the State Board of Education. The  
45 organization is not to be a state agency as defined in s.  
46 120.52. The organization shall be subject to the provisions of  
47 s. 1006.19. A private school that wishes to engage in high  
48 school athletic competition with a public high school may become  
49 a member of the organization. The bylaws of the organization are  
50 to be the rules by which high school athletic programs in its  
51 member schools, and the students who participate in them, are  
52 governed, unless otherwise specifically provided by statute. For  
53 the purposes of this section, "high school" includes grades 6  
54 through 12.

55 (2) ADOPTION OF BYLAWS.--



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56 (c) The organization shall adopt bylaws that require all  
57 students participating in interscholastic athletic competition  
58 or who are candidates for an interscholastic athletic team to  
59 satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year prior to  
60 participating in interscholastic athletic competition or  
61 engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, or other physical  
62 activity associated with the student's candidacy for an  
63 interscholastic athletic team. Such medical evaluation can only  
64 be administered by a practitioner licensed under the provisions  
65 of chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, or s. 464.012, and in  
66 good standing with the practitioner's regulatory board. The  
67 bylaws shall establish requirements for eliciting a student's  
68 medical history and performing the medical evaluation required  
69 under this paragraph, which shall include a physical assessment  
70 of the student's ~~minimum standards for the~~ physical capabilities  
71 to participate ~~necessary for participation~~ in interscholastic  
72 athletic competition as contained in a uniform preparticipation  
73 physical evaluation form. The evaluation form shall provide a  
74 place for the signature of the practitioner performing the  
75 evaluation with an attestation that each examination procedure  
76 listed on the form was performed by the practitioner or by  
77 someone under the direct supervision of the practitioner. The  
78 form shall also contain a place for the practitioner to indicate  
79 if a referral to another practitioner was made in lieu of  
80 completion of a certain examination procedure. The form shall  
81 provide a place for the practitioner to whom the student was  
82 referred to complete the remaining sections and attest to that  
83 portion of the examination. The preparticipation physical



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84 | evaluation form shall advise students to complete a  
85 | cardiovascular assessment and shall include information  
86 | concerning alternative cardiovascular evaluation and diagnostic  
87 | tests. Practitioners administering medical evaluations pursuant  
88 | to this subsection must, at a minimum, solicit all information  
89 | required by, and perform a physical assessment according to, the  
90 | uniform preparticipation physical evaluation form referred to in  
91 | this paragraph. Based on the information provided and the  
92 | physical assessment, the practitioner shall determine if the  
93 | student is physically capable of participating in  
94 | interscholastic athletic competition ~~know the minimum standards~~  
95 | ~~established by the organization and certify that the student~~  
96 | ~~meets the standards.~~ If the practitioner determines that there  
97 | are any abnormal findings in the cardiovascular system, the  
98 | student may not participate until a further cardiovascular  
99 | assessment, which may include an EKG, is performed that  
100 | indicates the student is physically capable of participating in  
101 | interscholastic athletic competition ~~unless a subsequent EKG or~~  
102 | ~~other cardiovascular assessment indicates that the abnormality~~  
103 | ~~will not place the student at risk during such participation.~~  
104 | Results of such medical evaluation must be provided to the  
105 | school. No student shall be eligible to participate in any  
106 | interscholastic athletic competition or engage in any practice,  
107 | tryout, workout, or other physical activity associated with the  
108 | student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic team until  
109 | the results of the medical evaluation clearing ~~verifying that~~  
110 | the student for participation ~~has satisfactorily passed the~~  
111 | ~~evaluation~~ have been received and approved by the school.



112 (4) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.--

113 (a) The executive authority of the organization shall be  
 114 vested in its board of directors. Any entity that appoints  
 115 members to the board of directors shall examine the ethnic and  
 116 demographic composition of the board when selecting candidates  
 117 for appointment and shall, to the extent possible, make  
 118 appointments that reflect state demographic and population  
 119 trends. The board of directors shall be composed of 16 ~~15~~  
 120 persons, as follows:

121 1. Four public member school representatives, one elected  
 122 from among its public school representative members within each  
 123 of the four administrative regions.

124 2. Four nonpublic member school representatives, one  
 125 elected from among its nonpublic school representative members  
 126 within each of the four administrative regions.

127 3. Three ~~Two~~ representatives appointed by the  
 128 commissioner, one appointed from the two northernmost  
 129 administrative regions and one appointed from the two  
 130 southernmost administrative regions. The third representative  
 131 shall be appointed to balance the board for diversity or state  
 132 population trends, or both.

133 4. Two district school superintendents, one elected from  
 134 the two northernmost administrative regions by the members in  
 135 those regions and one elected from the two southernmost  
 136 administrative regions by the members in those regions.

137 5. Two district school board members, one elected from the  
 138 two northernmost administrative regions by the members in those



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139 regions and one elected from the two southernmost administrative  
140 regions by the members in those regions.

141 6. The commissioner or his or her designee from the  
142 department executive staff.

143 (10) ~~EXAMINATION; CRITERIA; REPORT.~~--The board of  
144 directors of the Florida High School Athletic Activities  
145 Association shall undertake an examination of alternative  
146 methods for implementation of a policy requiring district,  
147 regional, and state championships in high school sports for  
148 public schools to be separate from district, regional, and state  
149 championships in high school sports for private schools. The  
150 board of directors shall submit a report of its findings,  
151 including any recommendations, to the commissioner, the  
152 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
153 Representatives no later than March 1, 2004. the following:

154 ~~(a) Alternative criteria for establishing administrative~~  
155 ~~regions to include, but not be limited to, population.~~

156 ~~(b) Procedures to ensure appropriate diversity in the~~  
157 ~~membership of the board of directors.~~

158 ~~(c) Opportunities to secure corporate financial support~~  
159 ~~for high school athletic programs.~~

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161 ~~The board of directors shall submit to the commissioner, the~~  
162 ~~President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of~~  
163 ~~Representatives not later than March 1, 2003, a report on the~~  
164 ~~actions taken in the examination of each of the three topics~~  
165 ~~listed in this subsection, the findings, and the actions to be~~



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166 ~~taken to implement the findings and the target date for~~  
167 ~~implementation.~~

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