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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to powers and duties of district school
3 boards; amending s. 1001.43, F.S.; authorizing district
4 school board programs and policies to provide for random
5 drug testing of high school student athletes; providing an
6 effective date.

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8 WHEREAS, the State of Florida considers providing a quality
9 education to its children the highest of priorities, and

10 WHEREAS, athletic competition is an integral part of the
11 educational process, providing personal challenges and
12 responsibility, skill in competition, teamwork cultivation, and
13 school pride, and

14 WHEREAS, the State of Florida has a compelling interest in
15 ensuring that children are educated and compete in a safe and
16 healthy environment, and

17 WHEREAS, the use of illicit drugs, performance enhancing
18 drugs, and certain prescription drugs is considered a health and
19 safety threat within Florida's schools, playgrounds, and
20 athletic fields and forums, and

21 WHEREAS, studies and pilot projects have found a
22 significant curtailment of drug use among student athletes who
23 are subject to random drug testing, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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27 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 1001.43, Florida
28 Statutes, is amended to read:

29 1001.43 Supplemental powers and duties of district school
30 board.--The district school board may exercise the following



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31 supplemental powers and duties as authorized by this code or
32 State Board of Education rule.

33 (1) STUDENT MANAGEMENT.--The district school board may
34 adopt programs and policies to ensure the safety and welfare of
35 individuals, the student body, and school personnel, which
36 programs and policies may:

37 (a) Prohibit the possession of weapons and drugs on
38 campus, student hazing, and other activities that could threaten
39 the operation of the school or the safety and welfare of the
40 student body or school personnel.

41 (b) Permit random drug testing of high school student
42 athletes.

43 (c)~~(b)~~ Require uniforms to be worn by the student body, or
44 impose other dress-related requirements, if the district school
45 board finds that those requirements are necessary for the safety
46 or welfare of the student body or school personnel.

47 (d)~~(e)~~ Provide procedures for student dismissal
48 precautions and for granting permission for students to leave
49 school grounds during school hours, including releasing a
50 student from school upon request by a parent or for public
51 appearances of school groups.

52 (e)~~(d)~~ Provide procedures for managing protests,
53 demonstrations, sit-ins, walk-outs, or other acts of civil
54 disobedience.

55 (f)~~(e)~~ Provide procedures for detaining students and for
56 readmission of students after expulsion.

57 (g)~~(f)~~ Regulate student automobile use and parking.

58 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.