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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 powers and duties of district school boards; amending s. 1001.43, F.S.; authorizing district school board programs and policies to require drug testing of middle and high school students in certain circumstances; authorizing the State Board of Education to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

WHEREAS, participation in extracurricular activities is a key component of school life, is essential for students applying to college, and is a significant contributor to the breadth and quality of the educational experience for all participants, and

WHEREAS, extracurricular activities are an integral part of the educational process, providing personal challenges and responsibility, skill in competition, teamwork cultivation, and school pride, and



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28 WHEREAS, the State of Florida has a compelling interest in
29 ensuring that children are educated and compete in a safe and
30 healthy environment, and

31 WHEREAS, the use of illicit drugs, performance enhancing
32 drugs, and certain prescription drugs is considered a health and
33 safety threat within Florida's schools, playgrounds, and
34 athletic fields and forums, and

35 WHEREAS, studies and pilot projects have found a
36 significant curtailment of drug use among students who are
37 subject to drug testing, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

43 1001.43 Supplemental powers and duties of district school
44 board.--The district school board may exercise the following
45 supplemental powers and duties as authorized by this code or
46 State Board of Education rule.

47 (1) STUDENT MANAGEMENT.--The district school board may
48 adopt programs and policies to ensure the safety and welfare of
49 individuals, the student body, and school personnel, which
50 programs and policies may:

51 (a) Prohibit the possession of weapons and drugs on
52 campus, student hazing, and other activities that could threaten
53 the operation of the school or the safety and welfare of the
54 student body or school personnel.



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55 (b) Require middle and high school students, as a
56 condition of participation in any extracurricular activity, to
57 consent to urinalysis testing for the presence of any drug that
58 may pose a threat to the health or safety of the student. The
59 procedures for implementing this paragraph shall be prescribed
60 by rules of the State Board of Education pursuant to ss.
61 120.536(1) and 120.54.

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

66 (d)~~(e)~~ Provide procedures for student dismissal
67 precautions and for granting permission for students to leave
68 school grounds during school hours, including releasing a
69 student from school upon request by a parent or for public
70 appearances of school groups.

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

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

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

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

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