

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Committee on Education K-20 recommends the following:

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3 **Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to extracurricular student activities;
7 amending s. 1006.15, F.S.; applying eligibility
8 requirements to all extracurricular activities, rather
9 than to interscholastic activities only; providing that a
10 student shall not be precluded from participation in
11 certain activities; providing certain restrictions with
12 respect to participation; amending ss. 1002.33 and
13 1002.41, F.S.; conforming provisions; providing an
14 effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Section 1006.15, Florida Statutes, is amended
19 to read:

20 1006.15 Student standards for participation in
21 ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular student activities;
22 regulation.--

23 (1) This section may be cited as the "Craig Dickinson
24 Act."

25 (2) ~~Interscholastic~~ Extracurricular student activities are
26 an important complement to the academic curriculum.

27 Participation in a comprehensive extracurricular and academic
28 program contributes to student development of the social and
29 intellectual skills necessary to become a well-rounded adult. As
30 used in this section, the term "extracurricular" means any
31 school-authorized or education-related activity, including, but
32 not limited to, interscholastic activities, occurring during or
33 outside the regular instructional school day. For purposes of
34 this section, a student shall not be precluded from receiving
35 tutoring, performing community service, or attending school
36 athletic, social, and academic functions. However, a student who
37 is not eligible, pursuant to this section, to participate in
38 extracurricular activities shall not perform at school functions
39 or travel with a school team, band, club, or other organization
40 to any event where the group is to compete or perform.

41 (3)(a) To be eligible to participate in ~~interscholastic~~
42 extracurricular student activities, a student must:

43 1. Maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0
44 scale, or its equivalent, in the previous semester or a
45 cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale,
46 or its equivalent, in the courses required by s. 1003.43(1).

47 2. Execute and fulfill the requirements of an academic
48 performance contract between the student, the district school
49 board, the appropriate governing association, and the student's
50 parents, if the student's cumulative grade point average falls

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51 below 2.0, or its equivalent, on a 4.0 scale in the courses
52 required by s. 1003.43(1) or, for students who entered the 9th
53 grade prior to the 1997-1998 school year, if the student's
54 cumulative grade point average falls below 2.0 on a 4.0 scale,
55 or its equivalent, in the courses required by s. 1003.43(1) that
56 are taken after July 1, 1997. At a minimum, the contract must
57 require that the student attend summer school, or its graded
58 equivalent, between grades 9 and 10 or grades 10 and 11, as
59 necessary.

60 3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above
61 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the courses required by s.
62 1003.43(1) during his or her junior or senior year.

63 4. Maintain satisfactory conduct and, if a student is
64 convicted of, or is found to have committed, a felony or a
65 delinquent act which would have been a felony if committed by an
66 adult, regardless of whether adjudication is withheld, the
67 student's participation in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular
68 activities is contingent upon established and published district
69 school board policy.

70 (b) Any student who is exempt from attending a full school
71 day based on rules adopted by the district school board for
72 double session schools or programs, experimental schools, or
73 schools operating under emergency conditions must maintain the
74 grade point average required by this section and pass each class
75 for which he or she is enrolled.

76 (c) An individual home education student is eligible to
77 participate at the public school to which the student would be
78 assigned according to district school board attendance area

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79 | policies or which the student could choose to attend pursuant to
80 | district or interdistrict controlled open enrollment provisions,
81 | or may develop an agreement to participate at a private school,
82 | in the ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities of that
83 | school, provided the following conditions are met:

84 | 1. The home education student must meet the requirements
85 | of the home education program pursuant to s. 1002.41.

86 | 2. During the period of participation at a school, the
87 | home education student must demonstrate educational progress as
88 | required in paragraph (b) in all subjects taken in the home
89 | education program by a method of evaluation agreed upon by the
90 | parent and the school principal which may include: review of the
91 | student's work by a certified teacher chosen by the parent;
92 | grades earned through correspondence; grades earned in courses
93 | taken at a community college, university, or trade school;
94 | standardized test scores above the 35th percentile; or any other
95 | method designated in s. 1002.41.

96 | 3. The home education student must meet the same residency
97 | requirements as other students in the school at which he or she
98 | participates.

99 | 4. The home education student must meet the same standards
100 | of acceptance, behavior, and performance as required of other
101 | students in extracurricular activities.

102 | 5. The student must register with the school his or her
103 | intent to participate in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular
104 | activities as a representative of the school before the
105 | beginning date of the season for the activity in which he or she
106 | wishes to participate. A home education student must be able to

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107 | participate in curricular activities if that is a requirement
108 | for an extracurricular activity.

109 | 6. A student who transfers from a home education program
110 | to a public school before or during the first grading period of
111 | the school year is academically eligible to participate in
112 | ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities during the first
113 | grading period provided the student has a successful evaluation
114 | from the previous school year, pursuant to subparagraph 2.

115 | 7. Any public school or private school student who has
116 | been unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation
117 | in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities is ineligible to
118 | participate in such activities as a home education student until
119 | the student has successfully completed one grading period in
120 | home education pursuant to subparagraph 2. to become eligible to
121 | participate as a home education student.

122 | (d) An individual charter school student pursuant to s.
123 | 1002.33 is eligible to participate at the public school to which
124 | the student would be assigned according to district school board
125 | attendance area policies or which the student could choose to
126 | attend, pursuant to district or interdistrict controlled open-
127 | enrollment provisions, in any ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular
128 | activity of that school, unless such activity is provided by the
129 | student's charter school, if the following conditions are met:

130 | 1. The charter school student must meet the requirements
131 | of the charter school education program as determined by the
132 | charter school governing board.

133 2. During the period of participation at a school, the
134 charter school student must demonstrate educational progress as
135 required in paragraph (b).

136 3. The charter school student must meet the same residency
137 requirements as other students in the school at which he or she
138 participates.

139 4. The charter school student must meet the same standards
140 of acceptance, behavior, and performance that are required of
141 other students in extracurricular activities.

142 5. The charter school student must register with the
143 school his or her intent to participate in ~~interscholastic~~
144 extracurricular activities as a representative of the school
145 before the beginning date of the season for the activity in
146 which he or she wishes to participate. A charter school student
147 must be able to participate in curricular activities if that is
148 a requirement for an extracurricular activity.

149 6. A student who transfers from a charter school program
150 to a traditional public school before or during the first
151 grading period of the school year is academically eligible to
152 participate in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities during
153 the first grading period if the student has a successful
154 evaluation from the previous school year, pursuant to
155 subparagraph 2.

156 7. Any public school or private school student who has
157 been unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation
158 in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities is ineligible to
159 participate in such activities as a charter school student until
160 the student has successfully completed one grading period in a

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161 charter school pursuant to subparagraph 2. to become eligible to
162 participate as a charter school student.

163 (4) The student standards for participation in
164 ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities must be applied
165 beginning with the student's first semester of the 9th grade.
166 Each student must meet such other requirements for participation
167 as may be established by the district school board; however, a
168 district school board may not establish requirements for
169 participation in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities
170 which make participation in such activities less accessible to
171 home education students than to other students. Except as set
172 forth in paragraph (3)(c), evaluation processes or requirements
173 that are placed on home education student participants may not
174 go beyond those that apply under s. 1002.41 to home education
175 students generally.

176 (5) Any organization or entity that regulates or governs
177 ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities of public schools:

178 (a) Shall permit home education associations to join as
179 member schools.

180 (b) Shall not discriminate against any eligible student
181 based on an educational choice of public, private, or home
182 education.

183 (6) Public schools are prohibited from membership in any
184 organization or entity which regulates or governs
185 ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities and discriminates
186 against eligible students in public, private, or home education.

187 (7) Any insurance provided by district school boards for
188 participants in extracurricular activities shall cover the

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189 participating home education student. If there is an additional
190 premium for such coverage, the participating home education
191 student shall pay the premium.

192 Section 2. Subsection (11) of section 1002.33, Florida
193 Statutes, is amended to read:

194 1002.33 Charter schools.--

195 (11) PARTICIPATION IN ~~INTERSCHOLASTIC~~ EXTRACURRICULAR
196 ACTIVITIES.--A charter school student is eligible to participate
197 in an ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activity at the public
198 school to which the student would be otherwise assigned to
199 attend pursuant to s. 1006.15(3)(d).

200 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 1002.41, Florida
201 Statutes, is amended to read:

202 1002.41 Home education programs.--

203 (4) Home education students may participate in
204 ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular student activities in accordance
205 with the provisions of s. 1006.15.

206 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.