

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

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

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 14           Section 1.   Section 1006.15, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 15   to read:

16           1006.15   Student standards for participation in  
 17   ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular student activities;  
 18   regulation.--

19           (1)   This section may be cited as the "Craig Dickinson  
 20   Act."

21           (2)   ~~Interscholastic~~ Extracurricular student activities are  
 22   an important complement to the academic curriculum.  
 23   Participation in a comprehensive extracurricular and academic  
 24   program contributes to student development of the social and  
 25   intellectual skills necessary to become a well-rounded adult. As  
 26   used in this section, the term "extracurricular" means any  
 27   school-authorized or education-related activity, including, but  
 28   not limited to, interscholastic activities, occurring during or

29 | outside the regular instructional school day. For purposes of  
 30 | this section, a student shall not be precluded from receiving  
 31 | tutoring, performing community service, or attending school  
 32 | athletic, social, and academic functions. However, a student who  
 33 | is not eligible, pursuant to this section, to participate in  
 34 | extracurricular activities shall not perform at school functions  
 35 | or travel with a school team, band, club, or other organization  
 36 | to any event where the group is to compete or perform.

37 | (3)(a) To be eligible to participate in ~~interscholastic~~  
 38 | extracurricular student activities, a student must:

39 | 1. Maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0  
 40 | scale, or its equivalent, in the previous semester or a  
 41 | cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale,  
 42 | or its equivalent, in the courses required by s. 1003.43(1).

43 | 2. Execute and fulfill the requirements of an academic  
 44 | performance contract between the student, the district school  
 45 | board, the appropriate governing association, and the student's  
 46 | parents, if the student's cumulative grade point average falls  
 47 | below 2.0, or its equivalent, on a 4.0 scale in the courses  
 48 | required by s. 1003.43(1) or, for students who entered the 9th  
 49 | grade prior to the 1997-1998 school year, if the student's  
 50 | cumulative grade point average falls below 2.0 on a 4.0 scale,  
 51 | or its equivalent, in the courses required by s. 1003.43(1) that  
 52 | are taken after July 1, 1997. At a minimum, the contract must  
 53 | require that the student attend summer school, or its graded  
 54 | equivalent, between grades 9 and 10 or grades 10 and 11, as  
 55 | necessary.

56           3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above  
 57 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the courses required by s.  
 58 1003.43(1) during his or her junior or senior year.

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

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

72           (c) An individual home education student is eligible to  
 73 participate at the public school to which the student would be  
 74 assigned according to district school board attendance area  
 75 policies or which the student could choose to attend pursuant to  
 76 district or interdistrict controlled open enrollment provisions,  
 77 or may develop an agreement to participate at a private school,  
 78 in the ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities of that  
 79 school, provided the following conditions are met:

80           1. The home education student must meet the requirements  
 81 of the home education program pursuant to s. 1002.41.

82           2. During the period of participation at a school, the  
 83 home education student must demonstrate educational progress as

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

92 3. The home education student must meet the same residency  
93 requirements as other students in the school at which he or she  
94 participates.

95 4. The home education student must meet the same standards  
96 of acceptance, behavior, and performance as required of other  
97 students in extracurricular activities.

98 5. The student must register with the school his or her  
99 intent to participate in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular  
100 activities as a representative of the school before the  
101 beginning date of the season for the activity in which he or she  
102 wishes to participate. A home education student must be able to  
103 participate in curricular activities if that is a requirement  
104 for an extracurricular activity.

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

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

118           (d) An individual charter school student pursuant to s.  
119 1002.33 is eligible to participate at the public school to which  
120 the student would be assigned according to district school board  
121 attendance area policies or which the student could choose to  
122 attend, pursuant to district or interdistrict controlled open-  
123 enrollment provisions, in any ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular  
124 activity of that school, unless such activity is provided by the  
125 student's charter school, if the following conditions are met:

126           1. The charter school student must meet the requirements  
127 of the charter school education program as determined by the  
128 charter school governing board.

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

132           3. The charter school student must meet the same residency  
133 requirements as other students in the school at which he or she  
134 participates.

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

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

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

152           7. Any public school or private school student who has  
153 been unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation  
154 in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities is ineligible to  
155 participate in such activities as a charter school student until  
156 the student has successfully completed one grading period in a  
157 charter school pursuant to subparagraph 2. to become eligible to  
158 participate as a charter school student.

159           (4) The student standards for participation in  
160 ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities must be applied  
161 beginning with the student's first semester of the 9th grade.  
162 Each student must meet such other requirements for participation  
163 as may be established by the district school board; however, a  
164 district school board may not establish requirements for  
165 participation in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities

166 | which make participation in such activities less accessible to  
 167 | home education students than to other students. Except as set  
 168 | forth in paragraph (3)(c), evaluation processes or requirements  
 169 | that are placed on home education student participants may not  
 170 | go beyond those that apply under s. 1002.41 to home education  
 171 | students generally.

172 | (5) Any organization or entity that regulates or governs  
 173 | ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities of public schools:

174 | (a) Shall permit home education associations to join as  
 175 | member schools.

176 | (b) Shall not discriminate against any eligible student  
 177 | based on an educational choice of public, private, or home  
 178 | education.

179 | (6) Public schools are prohibited from membership in any  
 180 | organization or entity which regulates or governs  
 181 | ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities and discriminates  
 182 | against eligible students in public, private, or home education.

183 | (7) Any insurance provided by district school boards for  
 184 | participants in extracurricular activities shall cover the  
 185 | participating home education student. If there is an additional  
 186 | premium for such coverage, the participating home education  
 187 | student shall pay the premium.

188 | Section 2. Subsection (11) of section 1002.33, Florida  
 189 | Statutes, is amended to read:

190 | 1002.33 Charter schools.--

191 | (11) PARTICIPATION IN ~~INTERSCHOLASTIC~~ EXTRACURRICULAR  
 192 | ACTIVITIES.--A charter school student is eligible to participate  
 193 | in an ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activity at the public

194 | school to which the student would be otherwise assigned to  
195 | attend pursuant to s. 1006.15(3)(d).

196 |       Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 1002.41, Florida  
197 | Statutes, is amended to read:

198 |       1002.41 Home education programs.--

199 |       (4) Home education students may participate in  
200 | ~~interseholastic~~ extracurricular student activities in accordance  
201 | with the provisions of s. 1006.15.

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