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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to extracurricular student
 3 activities; amending s. 1006.15, F.S.;
 4 providing, as an additional requirement for
 5 eligibility to participate in such activities,
 6 that a student must receive a passing grade in
 7 each core course required for graduation;
 8 defining the term "core course"; applying the
 9 eligibility requirements to all extracurricular
 10 activities, rather than to interscholastic
 11 activities only; providing an exception;
 12 providing an effective date.

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

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 16 Section 1. Section 1006.15, Florida Statutes, is
 17 amended to read:

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

21 (1) This section may be cited as the "Craig Dickinson
 22 Act."

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

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

4 1. Maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a
5 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the previous semester or a
6 cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale,
7 or its equivalent, in the courses required by s. 1003.43(1).

8 2. Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, receive a
9 passing grade in each core course required for graduation
10 which the student takes. As used in this section, the term
11 "core course" includes a course taken in the area of math,
12 science, social studies, or language arts. This requirement
13 shall be applied at the end of each grading period. This
14 subparagraph does not prohibit a student from participating in
15 an extracurricular activity to the extent that such
16 participation directly relates to the student's receiving the
17 credit or one-half credit in physical education satisfied by
18 participation in the extracurricular activity under s.
19 1003.43(1)(j).

20 ~~3.2.~~ Execute and fulfill the requirements of an
21 academic performance contract between the student, the
22 district school board, the appropriate governing association,
23 and the student's parents, if the student's cumulative grade
24 point average falls below 2.0, or its equivalent, on a 4.0
25 scale in the courses required by s. 1003.43(1) or, for
26 students who entered the 9th grade prior to the 1997-1998
27 school year, if the student's cumulative grade point average
28 falls below 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the
29 courses required by s. 1003.43(1) that are taken after July 1,
30 1997. At a minimum, the contract must require that the student
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1 attend summer school, or its graded equivalent, between grades
2 9 and 10 or grades 10 and 11, as necessary.

3 4.3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or
4 above on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the courses
5 required by s. 1003.43(1) during his or her junior or senior
6 year.

7 5.4. Maintain satisfactory conduct and, if a student
8 is convicted of, or is found to have committed, a felony or a
9 delinquent act which would have been a felony if committed by
10 an adult, regardless of whether adjudication is withheld, the
11 student's participation in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular
12 activities is contingent upon established and published
13 district school board policy.

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

20 (c) An individual home education student is eligible
21 to participate at the public school to which the student would
22 be assigned according to district school board attendance area
23 policies or which the student could choose to attend pursuant
24 to district or interdistrict controlled open enrollment
25 provisions, or may develop an agreement to participate at a
26 private school, in the ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular
27 activities of that school, provided the following conditions
28 are met:

29 1. The home education student must meet the
30 requirements of the home education program pursuant to s.
31 1002.41.

1 2. During the period of participation at a school, the
2 home education student must demonstrate educational progress
3 as required in paragraph (b) in all subjects taken in the home
4 education program by a method of evaluation agreed upon by the
5 parent and the school principal which may include: review of
6 the student's work by a certified teacher chosen by the
7 parent; grades earned through correspondence; grades earned in
8 courses taken at a community college, university, or trade
9 school; standardized test scores above the 35th percentile; or
10 any other method designated in s. 1002.41.

11 3. The home education student must meet the same
12 residency requirements as other students in the school at
13 which he or she participates.

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

17 5. The student must register with the school his or
18 her intent to participate in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular
19 activities as a representative of the school before the
20 beginning date of the season for the activity in which he or
21 she wishes to participate. A home education student must be
22 able to participate in curricular activities if that is a
23 requirement for an extracurricular activity.

24 6. A student who transfers from a home education
25 program to a public school before or during the first grading
26 period of the school year is academically eligible to
27 participate in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities
28 during the first grading period provided the student has a
29 successful evaluation from the previous school year, pursuant
30 to subparagraph 2.

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1 7. Any public school or private school student who has
2 been unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation
3 in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities is ineligible to
4 participate in such activities as a home education student
5 until the student has successfully completed one grading
6 period in home education pursuant to subparagraph 2. to become
7 eligible to participate as a home education student.

8 (d) An individual charter school student pursuant to
9 s. 1002.33 is eligible to participate at the public school to
10 which the student would be assigned according to district
11 school board attendance area policies or which the student
12 could choose to attend, pursuant to district or interdistrict
13 controlled open-enrollment provisions, in any ~~interscholastic~~
14 extracurricular activity of that school, unless such activity
15 is provided by the student's charter school, if the following
16 conditions are met:

17 1. The charter school student must meet the
18 requirements of the charter school education program as
19 determined by the charter school governing board.

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

23 3. The charter school student must meet the same
24 residency requirements as other students in the school at
25 which he or she participates.

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

29 5. The charter school student must register with the
30 school his or her intent to participate in ~~interscholastic~~
31 extracurricular activities as a representative of the school

1 before the beginning date of the season for the activity in
2 which he or she wishes to participate. A charter school
3 student must be able to participate in curricular activities
4 if that is a requirement for an extracurricular activity.

5 6. A student who transfers from a charter school
6 program to a traditional public school before or during the
7 first grading period of the school year is academically
8 eligible to participate in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular
9 activities during the first grading period if the student has
10 a successful evaluation from the previous school year,
11 pursuant to subparagraph 2.

12 7. Any public school or private school student who has
13 been unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation
14 in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities is ineligible to
15 participate in such activities as a charter school student
16 until the student has successfully completed one grading
17 period in a charter school pursuant to subparagraph 2. to
18 become eligible to participate as a charter school student.

19 (4) The student standards for participation in
20 ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities must be applied
21 beginning with the student's first semester of the 9th grade.
22 Each student must meet such other requirements for
23 participation as may be established by the district school
24 board; however, a district school board may not establish
25 requirements for participation in ~~interscholastic~~
26 extracurricular activities which make participation in such
27 activities less accessible to home education students than to
28 other students. Except as set forth in paragraph (3)(c),
29 evaluation processes or requirements that are placed on home
30 education student participants may not go beyond those that
31 apply under s. 1002.41 to home education students generally.

1 (5) Any organization or entity that regulates or
2 governs ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities of public
3 schools:

4 (a) Shall permit home education associations to join
5 as member schools.

6 (b) Shall not discriminate against any eligible
7 student based on an educational choice of public, private, or
8 home education.

9 (6) Public schools are prohibited from membership in
10 any organization or entity which regulates or governs
11 ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities and discriminates
12 against eligible students in public, private, or home
13 education.

14 (7) Any insurance provided by district school boards
15 for participants in extracurricular activities shall cover the
16 participating home education student. If there is an
17 additional premium for such coverage, the participating home
18 education student shall pay the premium.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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22 SENATE SUMMARY

23 Provides, as an additional requirement for eligibility to
24 participate in student extracurricular activities, that a
25 student must receive a passing grade in each core course
26 required for graduation which the student takes. Defines
27 the term "core course." Applies the eligibility
28 requirements to all extracurricular activities, rather
29 than to interscholastic activities only. Provides an
30 exception for activities applicable to earning physical
31 education credits under s. 1003.43(1)(j), F.S.