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See HB 149

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 during or outside the regular instructional school day. For
2 purposes of this section, a student shall not be precluded
3 from receiving tutoring, performing community service, or
4 attending school athletic, social, and academic functions.
5 However, a student who is not eligible, pursuant to this
6 section, to participate in extracurricular activities shall
7 not perform at school functions or travel with a school team,
8 band, club, or other organization to any event where the group
9 is to compete or perform.

10 (3)(a) To be eligible to participate in
11 ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular student activities, a student
12 must:

13 1. Maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a
14 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the previous semester or a
15 cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale,
16 or its equivalent, in the courses required by s. 1003.43(1).

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

30 3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or
31 above on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the courses

1 required by s. 1003.43(1) during his or her junior or senior
2 year.

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

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

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

25 1. The home education student must meet the
26 requirements of the home education program pursuant to s.
27 1002.41.

28 2. During the period of participation at a school, the
29 home education student must demonstrate educational progress
30 as required in paragraph (b) in all subjects taken in the home
31 education program by a method of evaluation agreed upon by the

1 parent and the school principal which may include: review of
2 the student's work by a certified teacher chosen by the
3 parent; grades earned through correspondence; grades earned in
4 courses taken at a community college, university, or trade
5 school; standardized test scores above the 35th percentile; or
6 any other method designated in s. 1002.41.

7 3. The home education student must meet the same
8 residency requirements as other students in the school at
9 which he or she participates.

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

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

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

27 7. Any public school or private school student who has
28 been unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation
29 in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities is ineligible to
30 participate in such activities as a home education student
31 until the student has successfully completed one grading

1 period in home education pursuant to subparagraph 2. to become
2 eligible to participate as a home education student.

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

12 1. The charter school student must meet the
13 requirements of the charter school education program as
14 determined by the charter school governing board.

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

18 3. The charter school student must meet the same
19 residency requirements as other students in the school at
20 which he or she participates.

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

24 5. The charter school student must register with the
25 school his or her intent to participate in ~~interscholastic~~
26 extracurricular activities as a representative of the school
27 before the beginning date of the season for the activity in
28 which he or she wishes to participate. A charter school
29 student must be able to participate in curricular activities
30 if that is a requirement for an extracurricular activity.
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1 6. A student who transfers from a charter school
2 program to a traditional public school before or during the
3 first grading period of the school year is academically
4 eligible to participate in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular
5 activities during the first grading period if the student has
6 a successful evaluation from the previous school year,
7 pursuant to subparagraph 2.

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

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

28 (5) Any organization or entity that regulates or
29 governs ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities of public
30 schools:
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1 (a) Shall permit home education associations to join
2 as member schools.

3 (b) Shall not discriminate against any eligible
4 student based on an educational choice of public, private, or
5 home education.

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

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

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

18 1002.33 Charter schools.--

19 (11) PARTICIPATION IN ~~INTERSCHOLASTIC~~ EXTRACURRICULAR
20 ACTIVITIES.--A charter school student is eligible to
21 participate in an ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activity at
22 the public school to which the student would be otherwise
23 assigned to attend pursuant to s. 1006.15(3)(d).

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

26 1002.41 Home education programs.--

27 (4) Home education students may participate in
28 ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular student activities in
29 accordance with the provisions of s. 1006.15.

30 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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