

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

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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

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197 Statutes, is amended to read:

198 1002.41 Home education programs.--

199 (4) Home education students may participate in

200 ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular student activities in accordance

201 with the provisions of s. 1006.15.

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