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2-1724-06 See HB 1005 A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to public records and public 3 meetings exemptions; amending s. 1006.20, F.S.; 4 exempting from public records requirements the 5 finding of a drug test administered to a б student by a testing agency with which the 7 Florida High School Athletic Association has contracted; exempting from public meetings 8 9 requirements a meeting at which a challenge or 10 an appeal is made; providing for future review and repeal; providing a statement of public 11 12 necessity; providing a contingent effective 13 date. 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 15 16 17 Section 1. Paragraphs (b) and (h) of subsection (10) of section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, as created by HB 1003, 18 2006 Regular Session, are amended to read: 19 20 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.--21 (10) RANDOM DRUG TESTING PROGRAM. --22 (b) The organization's board of directors shall 23 establish procedures for the conduct of the program that, at a minimum, shall provide for the following: 2.4 1. The organization shall select and enter into a 25 contract with a testing agency that will administer the 26 27 testing program. The laboratory utilized by the testing agency 2.8 to analyze specimens shall be accredited by the World 29 Anti-Doping Agency. 2. A minimum of 1 percent of the total students who 30 participate in each interscholastic sport, based on 31 1

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1 participation numbers reported to the organization during the 2 preceding academic year, shall be randomly selected to undergo a test in each year of the program. 3 3. Each member school shall report to the organization 4 each year the names of students who will represent the school 5 6 in interscholastic athletics during that year. A student shall 7 not be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics in 8 a member school until the student's name has been reported to the organization by the school in the year in which such 9 participation is to occur. 10 4. Each year, the organization shall provide to the 11 12 testing agency all names of students that are submitted by its 13 member schools. The testing agency shall make its random selections for testing from these names. 14 5. The testing agency shall notify not fewer than 7 15 days in advance both the administration of a school and the 16 17 organization of the date on which its representatives will be 18 present at the school to collect a specimen from a randomly selected student. However, the name of the student from which 19 a specimen is to be collected shall not be disclosed. 20 21 6. The finding of a drug test shall be separate from a 22 student's educational records and shall be disclosed by the 23 testing agency only to the organization, the student, the student's parent, the administration of the student's school, 2.4 and the administration of any school to which the student may 25 26 transfer during a suspension from participation in 27 interscholastic athletics resulting from a positive finding. 2.8 The finding of each drug test held by a school or the organization is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and 29 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This subparagraph 30 is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in 31

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1 accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2 2, 2011, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature. 3 (h) The following due process shall be afforded each 4 5 student who tests positive in a test administered under this б subsection: 7 1. The member school may challenge a positive finding 8 and must challenge a positive finding at the request of the student. A sample of the original specimen provided by the 9 student and retained by the testing agency shall be analyzed. 10 The member school or the student's parent shall pay the cost 11 12 of the analysis. If the analysis results in a positive 13 finding, the student shall remain ineligible until the prescribed penalty is fulfilled. If the analysis results in a 14 negative finding, the organization shall immediately restore 15 the eligibility of the student and shall refund to the member 16 17 school or student's parent the cost of the analysis. The 18 student shall remain suspended from interscholastic athletic practice and competition during the challenge. 19 20 2.a. A member school may appeal to the organization's 21 commissioner the period of ineligibility imposed on a student 22 as a result of a positive finding and must appeal at the 23 request of the student. The commissioner may require the student to complete the prescribed penalty, reduce the 2.4 prescribed penalty by one-half, or provide complete relief 25 26 from the prescribed penalty. Regardless of the decision of the 27 commissioner, the student shall remain ineligible until the 2.8 student tests negative on the mandatory exit test and the 29 student's eligibility is restored by the organization. 30 b. Should the school or student be dissatisfied with the decision of the commissioner, the school may pursue the 31

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appeal before the organization's board of directors and must 1 2 do so at the request of the student. The board of directors may require the student to complete the prescribed penalty, 3 reduce the prescribed penalty by one-half, or provide complete 4 relief from the prescribed penalty. Regardless of the decision 5 б of the board of directors, the student shall remain ineligible 7 until the student tests negative on the mandatory exit test 8 and the student's eligibility is restored by the organization. The decision of the board of directors on each appeal shall be 9 10 final. c. Technical experts may serve as consultants to both 11 12 the organization's commissioner and its board of directors in 13 connection with such appeals. 3. The challenge and appeal procedures described in 14 this paragraph are exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I 15 of the State Constitution. This subparagraph is subject to the 16 17 Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 18 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2011, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature. 19 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public 20 21 necessity that the finding of a drug test administered by a 22 testing agency with which the Florida High School Athletic 23 Association has contracted which has been disclosed to the association or the administration of a school, pursuant to s. 2.4 1006.20(10), Florida Statutes, be made confidential and exempt 25 26 from public records requirements. The Legislature finds that harm caused by releasing such information outweighs any public 27 2.8 benefit that might be derived from releasing the information. Such information is of a sensitive and personal nature, could 29 be used to discriminate against a student, and could cause 30 harm to a student's reputation. The Legislature further finds 31

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1 that it is a public necessity that a meeting at which a 2 challenge to a positive finding is made or an appeal is made to the Florida High School Athletic Association's commissioner 3 4 or board of directors regarding the period of student 5 ineligibility, pursuant to s. 1006.20(10), Florida Statutes, б be made exempt from public meetings requirements. The 7 Legislature finds that the exemption of these proceedings from 8 public meetings requirements minimizes the possibility of 9 unnecessary scrutiny by the public or media of sensitive, 10 personal information concerning a student. Furthermore, without such exemption, release of confidential and exempt 11 12 information via a public meeting defeats the purpose of the 13 public records exemption. Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date 14 that SB _____ or similar legislation takes effect, if such 15 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an 16 17 extension thereof and becomes law. 18 19 20 21 22 23 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30 31