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The Committee on Education (King) recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. (1) The Florida High School Athletic Association shall, until July 1, 2007, hold in abeyance the 2006-2007 revisions to sections 11.01, 11.02, 11.2, 11.3, and 11.4, Bylaws of the Florida High School Athletic Association, relating to student athlete residence and transfer, adopted pursuant to s. 1006.20, Florida Statutes.

(2) A Student Athlete Recruiting Task Force shall be created to review issues concerning recruiting of secondary school student athletes. The task force shall make recommendations that preserve the parental right to school choice while protecting the integrity of Florida's interscholastic athletic programs. The task force shall consider:

(a) The definition of recruiting.

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1       (b) Current and proposed procedures governing  
2 recruiting of secondary school student athletes.

3       (c) Documented past recruiting practices and  
4 violations. Practices to be reviewed shall include, but not be  
5 limited to, the provision of tuition scholarships and other  
6 inducements, recruitment of foreign athletes, and active  
7 solicitation of student athletes and parents by school  
8 employees or boosters.

9       (d) The impact of student athlete recruiting rules on  
10 parental school choice.

11       (e) The relationship between student athlete transfers  
12 and recruiting, including the role of student athlete transfer  
13 rules in preventing recruiting.

14       (f) Measures for preventing improper student athlete  
15 recruiting and penalties for recruiting violations.

16       (3) The task force shall be comprised of  
17 representatives from home school and public and private  
18 secondary school proponents and opponents of the 2006-2007  
19 revisions to the bylaws specified in subsection (1). The task  
20 force members shall be appointed as follows:

21       (a) Three proponents of the bylaws and three opponents  
22 of the bylaws each appointed by the President of the Senate.

23       (b) Three proponents of the bylaws and three opponents  
24 of the bylaws each appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
25 Representatives.

26       (c) A task force chair appointed by the Governor.

27       (4) Task force members shall serve without  
28 compensation but shall be reimbursed for per diem and travel  
29 expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

30       (5) The task force shall be staffed by the Office of  
31 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability and be

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1 monitored by the Department of Education. The chair shall  
2 convene meetings of the task force as needed and shall ensure  
3 that the recommendations are completed and forwarded on time.

4 (6) The task force shall hold its initial meeting not  
5 later than June 1, 2006, and shall submit its recommendations  
6 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker  
7 of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2007. The task  
8 force shall dissolve upon rendering its recommendations.

9 Section 2. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
10 Government Accountability shall conduct an independent review  
11 of secondary school recruiting violations among Florida High  
12 School Athletic Association member schools and shall have full  
13 access to Florida High School Athletic Association records for  
14 the purpose of this review.

15 Section 3. The sum of \$60,000 is appropriated from the  
16 General Revenue Fund to the Office of Program Policy Analysis  
17 and Government Accountability for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to  
18 support the work of the Student Athlete Recruiting Task Force.

19 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
20 law.

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24 And the title is amended as follows:

25 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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27 and insert:

28 A bill to be entitled  
29 An act relating to interscholastic athletics;  
30 requiring the Florida High School Athletic  
31 Association to hold certain bylaws in abeyance;

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1 providing for creation of a task force to  
2 review student athlete recruiting issues;  
3 providing for task force membership and duties;  
4 requiring recommendations to the Governor and  
5 the Legislature; requiring the Office of  
6 Program Policy Analysis and Government  
7 Accountability to conduct a review of  
8 recruiting violations by Florida High School  
9 Athletic Association member schools; providing  
10 an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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