By the Committee on Education; and Senator Saunders

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to interscholastic athletics;
3	requiring the Florida High School Athletic
4	Association to hold certain bylaws in abeyance;
5	providing for creation of a task force to
6	review student athlete recruiting issues;
7	providing for task force membership and duties;
8	requiring recommendations to the Governor and
9	the Legislature; requiring the Office of
10	Program Policy Analysis and Government
11	Accountability to conduct a review of
12	recruiting violations by Florida High School
13	Athletic Association member schools; providing
14	an appropriation; providing an effective date.
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16	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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18	Section 1. (1) The Florida High School Athletic
19	Association shall, until July 1, 2007, hold in abeyance the
20	2006-2007 revisions to sections 11.01, 11.02, 11.2, 11.3, and
21	11.4, Bylaws of the Florida High School Athletic Association,
22	relating to student athlete residence and transfer, adopted
23	pursuant to s. 1006.20, Florida Statutes.
24	(2) A Student Athlete Recruiting Task Force shall be
25	created to review issues concerning recruiting of secondary
26	school student athletes. The task force shall make
27	recommendations that preserve the parental right to school
28	choice while protecting the integrity of Florida's
29	interscholastic athletic programs. The task force shall
30	consider:
31	(a) The definition of recruiting

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

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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22	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
23	Senate Bill 2558
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25	The committee substitute deletes the revisions to the
26	eligibility requirements for student athletes. The committee substitute also delays the effective date until July 1, 2007,
27	for implementing the Florida High School Athletic Association's (FHSSA) revised bylaws. It creates a student
28	athlete recruiting task force to review issues related to recruiting student athletes and requires recommendations by
29 Office of Program Policy Analysis and	January 1, 2007. The committee substitute also requires the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
30	Accountability (OPPAGA) to independently review recruiting violations among FHSSA's member schools and provides an
31	appropriation of \$60,000 from General Revenue to fund OPPAGA in 2006-2007 to support the task force's work.