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CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Education Appropriations Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to student athlete recruiting; requiring
7 the Florida High School Athletic Association to hold
8 certain bylaws in abeyance; providing for creation of a
9 task force to review student athlete recruiting issues;
10 providing for task force membership and duties; requiring
11 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature;
12 requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and
13 Government Accountability to conduct a review of
14 recruiting violations by Florida High School Athletic
15 Association member schools; providing an appropriation;
16 providing an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. (1) The Florida High School Athletic
21 Association shall, until July 1, 2007, hold in abeyance the
22 2006-2007 revisions to sections 11.01, 11.02, 11.2, 11.3, and
23 11.4, Bylaws of the Florida High School Athletic Association,

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24 relating to student athlete residence and transfer, adopted
25 pursuant to s. 1006.20, Florida Statutes.

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

33 (a) The definition of recruiting.

34 (b) Current and proposed procedures governing recruiting
35 of secondary school student athletes.

36 (c) Documented past recruiting practices and violations.
37 Practices to be reviewed shall include, but not be limited to,
38 the provision of tuition scholarships and other inducements,
39 recruitment of foreign athletes, and active solicitation of
40 student athletes and parents by school employees or boosters.

41 (d) The impact of student athlete recruiting rules on
42 parental school choice.

43 (e) The relationship between student athlete transfers and
44 recruiting, including the role of student athlete transfer rules
45 in preventing recruiting.

46 (f) Measures for preventing improper student athlete
47 recruiting and penalties for recruiting violations.

48 (3) The task force shall be comprised of representatives
49 from home school and public and private secondary school
50 proponents and opponents of the 2006-2007 revisions to the

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51 bylaws specified in subsection (1). The task force members shall
52 be appointed as follows:

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

55 (b) Three proponents of the bylaws and three opponents of
56 the bylaws each appointed by the Speaker of the House of
57 Representatives.

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

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

62 (5) The task force shall be staffed by the Office of
63 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability and be
64 monitored by the Department of Education. The chair shall
65 convene meetings of the task force as needed and shall ensure
66 that the recommendations are completed and forwarded on time.

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

72 Section 2. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
73 Government Accountability shall conduct an independent review of
74 secondary school recruiting violations among Florida High School
75 Athletic Association member schools and shall have full access
76 to Florida High School Athletic Association records for the
77 purpose of this review.

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

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