

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to interscholastic athletics; requiring
3 the Florida High School Athletic Association to hold
4 certain bylaws in abeyance; providing for creation of a
5 task force to review student athlete recruiting issues;
6 providing for task force membership and duties; requiring
7 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature;
8 requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and
9 Government Accountability to conduct a review of
10 recruiting violations by Florida High School Athletic
11 Association member schools; providing an appropriation;
12 providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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16 Section 1. (1) The Florida High School Athletic
17 Association shall, until July 1, 2007, hold in abeyance the
18 2006-2007 revisions to sections 11.01, 11.02, 11.2, 11.3, and
19 11.4, Bylaws of the Florida High School Athletic Association,
20 relating to student athlete residence and transfer, adopted
21 pursuant to s. 1006.20, Florida Statutes.

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

27 | interscholastic athletic programs. The task force shall
28 | consider:

29 | (a) The definition of recruiting.

30 | (b) Current and proposed procedures governing recruiting
31 | of secondary school student athletes.

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

37 | (d) The impact of student athlete recruiting rules on
38 | parental school choice.

39 | (e) The relationship between student athlete transfers and
40 | recruiting, including the role of student athlete transfer rules
41 | in preventing recruiting.

42 | (f) Measures for preventing improper student athlete
43 | recruiting and penalties for recruiting violations.

44 | (g) Policies to allow students attending private schools
45 | that do not have athletic programs to participate in the
46 | athletic programs at their assigned public school.

47 | (3) The task force shall be comprised of representatives
48 | from home school and public and private secondary school
49 | proponents and opponents of the 2006-2007 revisions to the
50 | bylaws specified in subsection (1). The task force members shall
51 | be appointed as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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