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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Bean offered the following:

3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

5 Section 1. Subsection (8) is added to section 1006.15,
6 Florida Statutes, to read:

7 1006.15 Student standards for participation in
8 interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular student
9 activities; regulation.--

10 (8) (a) The Florida High School Athletic Association
11 (FHSAA), in cooperation with the district school boards of
12 Bradford County, Duval County, and Nassau County, shall
13 facilitate a 2-year pilot program during the 2008-2009 and 2009-
14 2010 academic years in which an individual middle school or high
15 school student who attends a private school that is not a member
16 of the FHSAA and does not sponsor an interscholastic or

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17 intrascholastic athletic program shall be eligible to
18 participate at a public high school, a public middle school, or
19 a 6-12 public school that is zoned for the physical address at
20 which the student resides.

21 (b) The association's board of directors and the
22 participating district school boards shall establish guidelines
23 for the conduct of the pilot program that, at a minimum, shall
24 provide for the following:

25 1. A deadline for each sport by which the student's
26 parents must register with the school in writing their intent
27 for their child to have an opportunity to participate at that
28 school in the desired sport or sports.

29 2. A requirement that a student participating in the pilot
30 program must demonstrate educational progress by meeting the
31 academic requirements for student athletes as established by the
32 association's bylaws or district school board rules.

33 3. A requirement that a participating student meet the
34 same standards of acceptance, behavior, and performance that are
35 required of other students participating in the interscholastic
36 or intrascholastic athletic programs of the school.

37 4. Other requirements for student eligibility as may be
38 established by the association's bylaws and district school
39 board rules.

40 (c) The student's parents must be fully responsible for
41 the transportation of their child to and from the private school
42 the student attends, or the student's home, to the public school
43 at which the student participates.

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44 (d) The private school the student attends, the public
45 school at which the student engages in the athletic program, the
46 district school board, and the FHSSA are exempt from civil
47 liability arising from any injury that occurs to the student
48 while being transported to and from the school the student
49 attends, or the student's home, to the public school at which
50 the student engages in the athletic program.

51 (e) A student is eligible in the public school in which
52 the student first enrolls each school year or makes himself or
53 herself a candidate for an athletic team by engaging in a
54 practice and is only eligible in that school for the academic
55 year.

56 (f) International or immigrant students who attend a
57 private school are ineligible to participate in the athletic
58 program of a public school unless the student is approved by the
59 FHSAA. The student is responsible for submitting any documents
60 required by the association to determine his or her eligibility.

61 (g) No later than August 1, 2008, the association shall
62 submit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
63 House of Representatives a copy of the guidelines established by
64 the association's board of directors for the conduct of the
65 pilot program.

66 (h) No later than January 1, 2010, the association and the
67 participating district school boards shall submit to the
68 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
69 Representatives a report on the progress of the pilot program.
70 The report shall include the number of students taking advantage
71 of the pilot program, the number of transfers to the public

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72 schools at which students participated under the pilot program,
73 problems experienced with the pilot program, and recommendations
74 on how the pilot program might be improved and expanded to
75 include other counties.

76 (i) This subsection shall stand repealed on June 30, 2010,
77 unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature.

78 Section 2. This act shall take upon becoming a law.

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81 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

82 Remove the entire title and insert:

83 A bill to be entitled

84 An act relating to interscholastic and intrascholastic sports;
85 amending s. 1006.15, F.S.; requiring the Florida High School
86 Athletic Association, in cooperation with specified district
87 school boards, to facilitate a pilot program in which a middle
88 school student or a high school student in a private school may
89 participate in athletics at a public school; providing
90 conditions for such participation; requiring the association's
91 board of directors and the district school boards to establish
92 guidelines for conducting the pilot program; specifying
93 requirements and restrictions; requiring the association to
94 submit to the Legislature a copy of established guidelines;
95 requiring a report to the Legislature on the progress of the
96 pilot program; providing for repeal of the pilot program unless
97 reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature; providing an
98 effective date.