

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/SB 526

INTRODUCER: Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations Committee, Education Pre-K - 12 Committee, and Senator Wise

SUBJECT: Interscholastic Extracurricular Activities

DATE: April 30, 2008

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 — 003247 to CS/CS/SB 526 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 establishes a 2-year pilot program in three school districts (Bradford, Duval, and Nassau), beginning in the 2008-2009 school year to permit a student enrolled in a private school to participate in intrascholastic or interscholastic sports at a public school, if the student's school does not provide an interscholastic or intrascholastic program and is not a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA).

To be eligible to participate at a public high school, middle school, or a 6-12 school, the student must meet certain conditions, including requirements for standards of conduct and student academic performance. The amendment provides that the student is only eligible to participate in a sport at a public school for which the student is zoned according to his or her residence.

The amendment also provides an exemption from civil liability arising out of an injury that occurs during the private school student's transportation to and from his or her public school. A report, including recommendations, must be made by the FHSAA and the participating school districts to the Governor and the legislative presiding officers by January 1, 2010.