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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to interscholastic extracurricular student  
3 activities; amending s. 1006.15, F.S.; providing for  
4 certain private school students to participate in  
5 interscholastic extracurricular activities at a public  
6 school under certain conditions; providing criteria;  
7 providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (3) of  
12 section 1006.15, Florida Statutes, to read:

13 1006.15 Student standards for participation in  
14 interscholastic extracurricular student activities; regulation.--

15 (3)

16 (e) A private school student is eligible to participate in  
17 the interscholastic extracurricular activities at the public  
18 school to which the student would be assigned according to the  
19 district school board's attendance area policies or at a public  
20 school that the student could choose to attend under district or  
21 interdistrict controlled open enrollment provisions if all of the  
22 following conditions are met:

23 1. The private school student meets the requirements of the  
24 private school program pursuant to s. 1002.42.

25 2. The private school in which the student is enrolled does  
26 not offer the interscholastic sports in which the student would  
27 participate at the public school.

28 3. During the period of participation at the public school,  
29 the private school student demonstrates educational progress as

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30 required in paragraph (b) in all subjects taken in the private  
31 school program as confirmed by a transcript from the private  
32 school. If the private school student is unable to maintain  
33 academic eligibility for participating in interscholastic  
34 extracurricular activities, the student is ineligible to  
35 participate in such activities until he or she successfully  
36 completes one grading period in all subjects taken in the private  
37 school program.

38 4. The private school student meets the same residency  
39 requirements as other students in the school at which he or she  
40 participates.

41 5. The private school student meets the same standards of  
42 acceptance, behavior, and performance as required of other  
43 students in extracurricular activities at the public school.

44 6. The private school student registers with the public  
45 school his or her intent to participate in interscholastic  
46 extracurricular activities as a representative of the school  
47 before the beginning date of the season for the activity in which  
48 he or she wishes to participate; however, the private school  
49 student must be able to participate in curricular activities if  
50 that is a requirement for an extracurricular activity. A student  
51 who transfers from a private school program to a public school  
52 before or during the first grading period of the school year is  
53 academically eligible to participate in interscholastic  
54 extracurricular activities during the first grading period if the  
55 student meets the requirements of subparagraph 3. from the  
56 previous school year.

57 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.