

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Wise

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to interscholastic sports; providing a
3 short title; amending s. 1006.15, F.S.; revising the
4 criteria under which a charter school student may
5 participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities
6 of a public school; providing for certain private school
7 students to participate in interscholastic sports at a
8 public school under certain conditions; providing
9 criteria; providing for a public school student to
10 participate in interscholastic sports at another public
11 school; providing criteria; providing an effective date.
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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15 Section 1. This act may be cited as "Erin's Law."

16 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section
17 1006.15, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraphs (e) and (f)
18 are added to that subsection, to read:

19 1006.15 Student standards for participation in
20 interscholastic extracurricular student activities; regulation.--

21 (3)

22 (d) An individual charter school student pursuant to s.
23 1002.33 is eligible to participate at the public school to which
24 the student would be assigned according to district school board
25 attendance area policies or which the student could choose to
26 attend, pursuant to district or interdistrict controlled open-
27 enrollment provisions, in any interscholastic extracurricular
28 activity of that school, unless such activity is provided by the
29 student's charter school, if the following conditions are met:

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30 1. The charter school student must meet the requirements of
31 the charter school education program as determined by the charter
32 school governing board.

33 2. During the period of participation at a school, the
34 charter school student must demonstrate educational progress by
35 maintaining the grade point average required by this section and
36 passing each class for which he or she is enrolled ~~as required in~~
37 ~~paragraph (b)~~.

38 3. The charter school student must meet the same residency
39 requirements as other students in the school at which he or she
40 participates.

41 4. The charter school student must meet the same standards
42 of acceptance, behavior, and performance that are required of
43 other students in extracurricular activities.

44 5. The charter school student must register with the school
45 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. A charter school student must be
49 able to participate in curricular activities if that is a
50 requirement for an extracurricular activity.

51 6. A student who transfers from a charter school program to
52 a traditional public school before or during the first grading
53 period of the school year is academically eligible to participate
54 in interscholastic extracurricular activities during the first
55 grading period if the student has a successful evaluation from
56 the previous school year, pursuant to subparagraph 2.

57 7. Any public school or private school student who has been
58 unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation in

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59 interscholastic extracurricular activities is ineligible to
60 participate in such activities as a charter school student until
61 the student has successfully completed one grading period in a
62 charter school pursuant to subparagraph 2. to become eligible to
63 participate as a charter school student.

64 (e) A private school student is eligible to participate in
65 interscholastic sports at the public school to which the student
66 would be assigned according to the district school board's
67 attendance area policies or at a public school that the student
68 could choose to attend under district or interdistrict controlled
69 open enrollment provisions if all of the following conditions are
70 met:

71 1. The private school student meets the requirements of the
72 private school program pursuant to s. 1002.42.

73 2. The private school in which the student is enrolled does
74 not offer the interscholastic sports in which the student would
75 participate at the public school.

76 3. During the period of participation at the public school,
77 the private school student demonstrates educational progress by
78 maintaining the grade point average required by this section and
79 passing each class for which he or she is enrolled in the private
80 school program as confirmed by a transcript from the private
81 school. If the private school student is unable to maintain
82 academic eligibility for participating in interscholastic sports,
83 the student is ineligible to participate in such activities until
84 he or she successfully completes one grading period in all
85 subjects taken in the private school program.

86 4. The private school student meets the same residency
87 requirements as other students in the school at which he or she

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88 participates.

89 5. The private school student meets the same standards of
90 acceptance, behavior, and performance as required of other
91 students participating in interscholastic sports at the public
92 school.

93 6. The private school student registers with the public
94 school his or her intent to participate in interscholastic sports
95 as a representative of the school before the beginning date of
96 the season for the activity in which he or she wishes to
97 participate; however, the private school student must be able to
98 participate in curricular activities if that is a requirement for
99 interscholastic sports. A student who transfers from a private
100 school program to a public school before or during the first
101 grading period of the school year is academically eligible to
102 participate in interscholastic sports during the first grading
103 period if the student meets the requirements of subparagraph 3.
104 from the previous school year.

105 7. The private school in which the student is enrolled
106 provides an affidavit to the public school which states that the
107 private school:

108 a. Does not offer the interscholastic sports in which the
109 student would participate at the public school; and

110 b. Did not offer the interscholastic sports in which the
111 student would participate in during the prior academic year.

112 (f) A public school student is eligible to participate at
113 another public school in the student's school attendance area in
114 any interscholastic sports of that school if all of the following
115 conditions are met:

116 1. The public school in which the student is enrolled does

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117 not offer the interscholastic sports in which the student would
118 participate at the public school.

119 2. During the period of participation at the school, the
120 student demonstrates educational progress as required in
121 paragraph (a).

122 3. The public school in which the student is enrolled is in
123 the same school district as that in which the student intends to
124 participate in the interscholastic sports under this section.

125 4. The student meets the same standards of acceptance,
126 behavior, and performance as required of other students in
127 interscholastic sports.

128 5. The student registers with the school his or her intent
129 to participate in interscholastic sports as a representative of
130 the school before the beginning date of the season for the
131 activity in which he or she wishes to participate. A student must
132 be able to participate in curricular activities if that is a
133 requirement for interscholastic sports.

134 6. A student who transfers from the school in which he or
135 she is enrolled to another public school before or during the
136 first grading period of the school year is academically eligible
137 to participate in interscholastic sports during the first grading
138 period if the student has a successful evaluation from the
139 previous school year pursuant to subparagraph 2.

140 7. Any public school student who has been unable to
141 maintain academic eligibility for participation in
142 interscholastic sports is ineligible to participate in such
143 activities until the student has successfully completed one
144 grading period in the student's home school pursuant to
145 subparagraph 2. to become eligible to participate.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.