

By the Committees on Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations;  
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 in  
113 interscholastic sports at another public school to which the  
114 student would be assigned according to the district school  
115 board's attendance area policies or at a public school that the  
116 student could choose to attend under district controlled open

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117 enrollment provisions if all of the following conditions are met:

118 1. The public school in which the student is enrolled does  
119 not offer the interscholastic sports in which the student would  
120 participate at the public school.

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

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

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

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

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

142 7. Any public school student who has been unable to  
143 maintain academic eligibility for participation in  
144 interscholastic sports is ineligible to participate in such  
145 activities until the student has successfully completed one

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146 grading period in the student's home school pursuant to  
147 subparagraph 2. to become eligible to participate.

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