

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to high school athletics; amending s.
3 1002.20, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending s.
4 1006.20, F.S.; authorizing high schools, including
5 charter schools, virtual schools, and home education
6 cooperatives, to become members of the FHSAA;
7 prohibiting the FHSAA from taking retributory or
8 discriminatory action against any of its member
9 schools under certain circumstances; prohibiting the
10 FHSAA from withholding approval of any other athletic
11 organization that governs athletic competition in the
12 state; requiring the FHSAA to adopt bylaws to allow a
13 student who transfers schools to be eligible to
14 participate in athletics if certain conditions are
15 met; authorizing certain penalties for a recruiting
16 violation; requiring the FHSAA to adopt bylaws to
17 regulate investigators and sanction coaches who commit
18 major violations; specifying sanctions and procedures;
19 requiring the FHSAA to adopt bylaws establishing the
20 process and standards by which determinations of
21 eligibility are made; authorizing the FHSAA to adopt
22 bylaws providing certain procedural safeguards;
23 prohibiting FHSAA bylaws from prospectively limiting
24 the competition of certain student athletes and from
25 unfairly punishing student athletes for violations
26 perpetrated by a teammate, coach, or administrator;
27 providing requirements for the forfeiture of contests
28 under certain conditions; requiring an expedited

29 | appeals process on determinations of ineligibility;
 30 | authorizing a school or student athlete filing an
 31 | appeal to present information and evidence; providing
 32 | requirements for de novo decisions on appeal; deleting
 33 | provisions relating to rule adoption; amending s.
 34 | 1012.468, F.S.; providing background screening
 35 | exceptions for certain investigators for the FHSAA;
 36 | providing an effective date.

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38 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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40 | Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (17) of section
 41 | 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

42 | 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public
 43 | school students must receive accurate and timely information
 44 | regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed
 45 | of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12
 46 | students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory
 47 | rights including, but not limited to, the following:

48 | (17) ATHLETICS; PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.—

49 | (a) Eligibility.—Eligibility requirements for all students
 50 | participating in high school athletic competition must allow a
 51 | student to be eligible in the school in which he or she first
 52 | enrolls each school year, the school in which the student ~~or~~
 53 | makes himself or herself a candidate for an athletic team by
 54 | engaging in practice before enrolling, or the school to which
 55 | the student has transferred with approval of the district school
 56 | board, in accordance with the provisions of s. 1006.20(2)(a).

57 Section 2. Section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, is amended
 58 to read:

59 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

60 (1) GOVERNING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The Florida High
 61 School Athletic Association (FHSAA) is designated as the
 62 governing nonprofit organization of athletics in Florida public
 63 schools. If the FHSAA ~~Florida High School Athletic Association~~
 64 fails to meet the provisions of this section, the commissioner
 65 shall designate a nonprofit organization to govern athletics
 66 with the approval of the State Board of Education. The FHSAA
 67 ~~organization~~ is not to be a state agency as defined in s.
 68 120.52. The FHSAA ~~organization~~ shall be subject to the
 69 provisions of s. 1006.19. A private school that wishes to engage
 70 in high school athletic competition with a public high school
 71 may become a member of the FHSAA ~~organization~~. Any high school
 72 in the state, including charter schools, virtual schools, and
 73 home education cooperatives, may become a member of the FHSAA
 74 and participate in the activities of the FHSAA. However,
 75 membership in the FHSAA is not mandatory for any school. The
 76 FHSAA may not deny or discourage interscholastic competition
 77 between its member schools and non-FHSAA member Florida schools,
 78 including members of another athletic governing organization,
 79 and may not take any retributory or discriminatory action
 80 against any of its member schools that participate in
 81 interscholastic competition with non-FHSAA member Florida
 82 schools. The FHSAA may not unreasonably withhold its approval of
 83 an application to become an affiliate member of the National
 84 Federation of State High School Associations submitted by any

85 other organization that governs interscholastic athletic
86 competition in this state. The bylaws of the FHSAA ~~organization~~
87 are ~~to be~~ the rules by which high school athletic programs in
88 its member schools, and the students who participate in them,
89 are governed, unless otherwise specifically provided by statute.
90 For the purposes of this section, "high school" includes grades
91 6 through 12.

92 (2) ADOPTION OF BYLAWS.—

93 (a) The FHSAA ~~organization~~ shall adopt bylaws that, unless
94 specifically provided by statute, establish eligibility
95 requirements for all students who participate in high school
96 athletic competition in its member schools. The bylaws governing
97 residence and transfer shall allow the student to be eligible in
98 the school in which he or she first enrolls each school year, ~~or~~
99 the school in which the student makes himself or herself a
100 candidate for an athletic team by engaging in a practice prior
101 to enrolling in the any member school. The bylaws shall also
102 allow the student to be eligible in the school to which the
103 student has transferred during the school year if the transfer
104 is made by a deadline established by the FHSAA, which may not be
105 prior to the date authorized for the beginning of practice for
106 the sport. These transfers shall be allowed pursuant to the
107 district school board policies in the case of transfer to a
108 public school or pursuant to the private school policies in the
109 case of transfer to a private school. The student shall be
110 eligible in that school so long as he or she remains enrolled in
111 that school. Subsequent eligibility shall be determined and
112 enforced through the FHSAA's ~~organization's~~ bylaws. Requirements

113 governing eligibility and transfer between member schools shall
114 be applied similarly to public school students and private
115 school students.

116 (b) The FHSAA ~~organization~~ shall adopt bylaws that
117 specifically prohibit the recruiting of students for athletic
118 purposes. The bylaws shall prescribe penalties and an appeals
119 process for athletic recruiting violations. If it is determined
120 that a school has recruited a student in violation of FHSAA
121 bylaws, the FHSAA may require the school to participate in a
122 higher classification for the sport in which the recruited
123 student competes for a minimum of one classification cycle, in
124 addition to any other appropriate fine and sanction imposed on
125 the school, its coaches, or adult representatives who violate
126 recruiting rules. A student may not be declared ineligible based
127 on violation of recruiting rules unless the student or parent
128 has falsified any enrollment or eligibility document or accepted
129 any benefit or any promise of benefit if such benefit is not
130 generally available to the school's students or family members
131 or is based in any way on athletic interest, potential, or
132 performance.

133 (c) The FHSAA ~~organization~~ shall adopt bylaws that require
134 all students participating in interscholastic athletic
135 competition or who are candidates for an interscholastic
136 athletic team to satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each
137 year prior to participating in interscholastic athletic
138 competition or engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, or
139 other physical activity associated with the student's candidacy
140 for an interscholastic athletic team. Such medical evaluation

141 may ~~can only~~ be administered only by a practitioner licensed
142 under ~~the provisions of~~ chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460,
143 or s. 464.012, and in good standing with the practitioner's
144 regulatory board. The bylaws shall establish requirements for
145 eliciting a student's medical history and performing the medical
146 evaluation required under this paragraph, which shall include a
147 physical assessment of the student's physical capabilities to
148 participate in interscholastic athletic competition as contained
149 in a uniform preparticipation physical evaluation and history
150 form. The evaluation form shall incorporate the recommendations
151 of the American Heart Association for participation
152 cardiovascular screening and shall provide a place for the
153 signature of the practitioner performing the evaluation with an
154 attestation that each examination procedure listed on the form
155 was performed by the practitioner or by someone under the direct
156 supervision of the practitioner. The form shall also contain a
157 place for the practitioner to indicate if a referral to another
158 practitioner was made in lieu of completion of a certain
159 examination procedure. The form shall provide a place for the
160 practitioner to whom the student was referred to complete the
161 remaining sections and attest to that portion of the
162 examination. The preparticipation physical evaluation form shall
163 advise students to complete a cardiovascular assessment and
164 shall include information concerning alternative cardiovascular
165 evaluation and diagnostic tests. Results of such medical
166 evaluation must be provided to the school. No student shall be
167 eligible to participate in any interscholastic athletic
168 competition or engage in any practice, tryout, workout, or other

169 physical activity associated with the student's candidacy for an
170 interscholastic athletic team until the results of the medical
171 evaluation have been received and approved by the school.

172 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (c), a
173 student may participate in interscholastic athletic competition
174 or be a candidate for an interscholastic athletic team if the
175 parent of the student objects in writing to the student
176 undergoing a medical evaluation because such evaluation is
177 contrary to his or her religious tenets or practices. However,
178 in such case, there shall be no liability on the part of any
179 person or entity in a position to otherwise rely on the results
180 of such medical evaluation for any damages resulting from the
181 student's injury or death arising directly from the student's
182 participation in interscholastic athletics where an undisclosed
183 medical condition that would have been revealed in the medical
184 evaluation is a proximate cause of the injury or death.

185 (e) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that regulate persons who
186 conduct investigations on behalf of the FHSAA. The bylaws shall
187 include provisions that require an investigator to:

188 1. Undergo level 2 background screening under s. 435.04,
189 establishing that the investigator has not committed any
190 disqualifying offense listed in s. 435.04, unless the
191 investigator can provide proof of compliance with level 2
192 screening standards submitted within the previous 5 years to
193 meet any professional licensure requirements, provided:

194 a. The investigator has not had a break in service from a
195 position that requires level 2 screening for more than 90 days;
196 and

197 b. The investigator submits, under penalty of perjury, an
198 affidavit verifying that the investigator has not committed any
199 disqualifying offense listed in s. 435.04 and is in full
200 compliance with this paragraph.

201 2. Be appointed as an investigator by the executive
202 director.

203 3. Carry a photo identification card that shows the FHSAA
204 name, logo, and the investigator's official title.

205 4. Adhere to the following guidelines:

206 a. Investigate only those alleged violations assigned by
207 the executive director or the board of directors.

208 b. Conduct interviews on Monday through Friday between the
209 hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. only, unless previously agreed to by
210 the interviewee.

211 c. Allow the parent of any student being interviewed to be
212 present during the interview.

213 d. Search residences or other private areas only with the
214 permission of the executive director and the written consent of
215 the student's parent and only with a parent or a representative
216 of the parent present.

217 (f) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that establish sanctions
218 for coaches who have committed major violations of the FHSAA's
219 bylaws and policies.

220 1. Major violations include, but are not limited to,
221 knowingly allowing an ineligible student to participate in a
222 contest representing a member school in an interscholastic
223 contest or committing a violation of the FHSAA's recruiting or
224 sportsmanship policies.

225 2. Sanctions placed upon an individual coach may include,
 226 but are not limited to, prohibiting or suspending the coach from
 227 coaching, participating in, or attending any athletic activity
 228 sponsored, recognized, or sanctioned by the FHSAA and the member
 229 school for which the coach committed the violation. If a coach
 230 is sanctioned by the FHSAA and the coach transfers to another
 231 member school, those sanctions remain in full force and effect
 232 during the term of the sanction.

233 3. If a member school is assessed a financial penalty as a
 234 result of a coach committing a major violation, the coach shall
 235 reimburse the member school before being allowed to coach,
 236 participate in, or attend any athletic activity sponsored,
 237 recognized, or sanctioned by the FHSAA and a member school.

238 4. The FHSAA shall establish a due process procedure for
 239 coaches sanctioned under this paragraph, consistent with the
 240 appeals procedures set forth in subsection (7).

241 (g) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws establishing the process
 242 and standards by which FHSAA determinations of eligibility are
 243 made. Such bylaws shall provide that:

244 1. Ineligibility must be established by clear and
 245 convincing evidence;

246 2. Student athletes, parents, and schools must have notice
 247 of the initiation of any investigation or other inquiry into
 248 eligibility and may present, to the investigator and to the
 249 individual making the eligibility determination, any information
 250 or evidence that is credible, persuasive, and of a kind
 251 reasonably prudent persons rely upon in the conduct of serious
 252 affairs;

253 3. An investigator may not determine matters of
254 eligibility but must submit information and evidence to the
255 executive director or a person designated by the executive
256 director or by the board of directors for an unbiased and
257 objective determination of eligibility; and

258 4. A determination of ineligibility must be made in
259 writing, setting forth the findings of fact and specific
260 violation upon which the decision is based.

261 (h) In lieu of bylaws adopted under paragraph (g), the
262 FHSAA may adopt bylaws providing as a minimum the procedural
263 safeguards of ss. 120.569 and 120.57, making appropriate
264 provision for appointment of unbiased and qualified hearing
265 officers.

266 (i) The FHSAA bylaws may not limit the competition of
267 student athletes prospectively for rule violations of their
268 school or its coaches or their adult representatives. The FHSAA
269 bylaws may not unfairly punish student athletes for eligibility
270 or recruiting violations perpetrated by a teammate, coach, or
271 administrator. Contests may not be forfeited for inadvertent
272 eligibility violations unless the coach or a school
273 administrator should have known of the violation. Contests may
274 not be forfeited for other eligibility violations or recruiting
275 violations in excess of the number of contests that the coaches
276 and adult representatives responsible for the violations are
277 prospectively suspended.

278 (3) GOVERNING STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION.—

279 (a) The FHSAA ~~organization~~ shall operate as a
280 representative democracy in which the sovereign authority is

281 within its member schools. Except as provided in this section,
 282 the FHSAA ~~organization~~ shall govern its affairs through its
 283 bylaws.

284 (b) Each member school, on its annual application for
 285 membership, shall name its official representative to the FHSAA
 286 ~~organization~~. This representative must be either the school
 287 principal or his or her designee. That designee must either be
 288 an assistant principal or athletic director housed within that
 289 same school.

290 (c) The FHSAA's ~~organization's~~ membership shall be divided
 291 along existing county lines into four contiguous and compact
 292 administrative regions, each containing an equal or nearly equal
 293 number of member schools to ensure equitable representation on
 294 the FHSAA's ~~organization's~~ board of directors, representative
 295 assembly, and appeals committees ~~committee on appeals~~.

296 (4) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—

297 (a) The executive authority of the FHSAA ~~organization~~
 298 shall be vested in its board of directors. Any entity that
 299 appoints members to the board of directors shall examine the
 300 ethnic and demographic composition of the board when selecting
 301 candidates for appointment and shall, to the greatest extent
 302 possible, make appointments that reflect state demographic and
 303 population trends. The board of directors shall be composed of
 304 16 persons, as follows:

305 1. Four public member school representatives, one elected
 306 from among its public school representative members within each
 307 of the four administrative regions.

308 2. Four nonpublic member school representatives, one

309 | elected from among its nonpublic school representative members
310 | within each of the four administrative regions.

311 | 3. Three representatives appointed by the commissioner,
312 | one appointed from the two northernmost administrative regions
313 | and one appointed from the two southernmost administrative
314 | regions. The third representative shall be appointed to balance
315 | the board for diversity or state population trends, or both.

316 | 4. Two district school superintendents, one elected from
317 | the two northernmost administrative regions by the members in
318 | those regions and one elected from the two southernmost
319 | administrative regions by the members in those regions.

320 | 5. Two district school board members, one elected from the
321 | two northernmost administrative regions by the members in those
322 | regions and one elected from the two southernmost administrative
323 | regions by the members in those regions.

324 | 6. The commissioner or his or her designee from the
325 | department executive staff.

326 | (b) A quorum of the board of directors shall consist of
327 | nine members.

328 | (c) The board of directors shall elect a president and a
329 | vice president from among its members. These officers shall also
330 | serve as officers of the FHSAA ~~organization~~.

331 | (d) Members of the board of directors shall serve terms of
332 | 3 years and are eligible to succeed themselves only once. A
333 | member of the board of directors, other than the commissioner or
334 | his or her designee, may serve a maximum of 6 consecutive years.
335 | The FHSAA's ~~organization's~~ bylaws shall establish a rotation of
336 | terms to ensure that a majority of the members' terms do not

337 expire concurrently.

338 (e) The authority and duties of the board of directors,
 339 acting as a body and in accordance with the FHSAA's
 340 ~~organization's~~ bylaws, are as follows:

341 1. To act as the incorporated FHSAA's ~~organization's~~ board
 342 of directors and to fulfill its obligations as required by the
 343 FHSAA's ~~organization's~~ charter and articles of incorporation.

344 2. To establish such guidelines, regulations, policies,
 345 and procedures as are authorized by the bylaws.

346 3. To employ ~~provide~~ an FHSAA executive director
 347 ~~organization commissioner~~, who shall have the authority to waive
 348 the bylaws of the FHSAA ~~organization~~ in order to comply with
 349 statutory changes.

350 4. To levy annual dues and other fees and to set the
 351 percentage of contest receipts to be collected by the FHSAA
 352 ~~organization~~.

353 5. To approve the budget of the FHSAA ~~organization~~.

354 6. To organize and conduct statewide interscholastic
 355 competitions, which may or may not lead to state championships,
 356 and to establish the terms and conditions for these
 357 competitions.

358 7. To act as an administrative board in the interpretation
 359 of, and final decision on, all questions and appeals arising
 360 from the directing of interscholastic athletics of member
 361 schools.

362 (5) REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY.—

363 (a) The legislative authority of the FHSAA ~~organization~~ is
 364 vested in its representative assembly.

365 (b) The representative assembly shall be composed of the
 366 following:

367 1. An equal number of member school representatives from
 368 each of the four administrative regions.

369 2. Four district school superintendents, one elected from
 370 each of the four administrative regions by the district school
 371 superintendents in their respective administrative regions.

372 3. Four district school board members, one elected from
 373 each of the four administrative regions by the district school
 374 board members in their respective administrative regions.

375 4. The commissioner or his or her designee from the
 376 department executive staff.

377 (c) The FHSAA's ~~organization's~~ bylaws shall establish the
 378 number of member school representatives to serve in the
 379 representative assembly from each of the four administrative
 380 regions and shall establish the method for their selection.

381 (d) No member of the board of directors other than the
 382 commissioner or his or her designee can serve in the
 383 representative assembly.

384 (e) The representative assembly shall elect a chairperson
 385 and a vice chairperson from among its members.

386 (f) Elected members of the representative assembly shall
 387 serve terms of 2 years and are eligible to succeed themselves
 388 for two additional terms. An elected member, other than the
 389 commissioner or his or her designee, may serve a maximum of 6
 390 consecutive years in the representative assembly.

391 (g) A quorum of the representative assembly consists of
 392 one more than half of its members.

393 (h) The authority of the representative assembly is
 394 limited to its sole duty, which is to consider, adopt, or reject
 395 any proposed amendments to the FHSAA's ~~organization's~~ bylaws.

396 (i) The representative assembly shall meet as a body
 397 annually. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast by members
 398 present is required for passage of any proposal.

399 (6) PUBLIC LIAISON ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—

400 (a) The FHSAA ~~organization~~ shall establish, sustain, fund,
 401 and provide staff support to a public liaison advisory committee
 402 composed of the following:

- 403 1. The commissioner or his or her designee.
- 404 2. A member public school principal.
- 405 3. A member private school principal.
- 406 4. A member school principal who is a member of a racial
 407 minority.
- 408 5. An active athletic director.
- 409 6. An active coach, who is employed full time by a member
 410 school.
- 411 7. A student athlete.
- 412 8. A district school superintendent.
- 413 9. A district school board member.
- 414 10. A member of the Florida House of Representatives.
- 415 11. A member of the Florida Senate.
- 416 12. A parent of a high school student.
- 417 13. A member of a home education association.
- 418 14. A representative of the business community.
- 419 15. A representative of the news media.

420 (b) No member of the board of directors, committee on

421 appeals, or representative assembly is eligible to serve on the
422 public liaison advisory committee.

423 (c) The public liaison advisory committee shall elect a
424 chairperson and vice chairperson from among its members.

425 (d) The authority and duties of the public liaison
426 advisory committee are as follows:

427 1. To act as a conduit through which the general public
428 may have input into the decisionmaking process of the FHSAA
429 ~~organization~~ and to assist the FHSAA ~~organization~~ in the
430 development of procedures regarding the receipt of public input
431 and disposition of complaints related to high school athletic
432 and competition programs.

433 2. To conduct public hearings annually in each of the four
434 administrative regions during which interested parties may
435 address issues regarding the effectiveness of the rules,
436 operation, and management of the FHSAA ~~organization~~.

437 3. To conduct an annual evaluation of the FHSAA
438 ~~organization~~ as a whole and present a report of its findings,
439 conclusion, and recommendations to the board of directors, to
440 the commissioner, and to the respective education committees of
441 the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives. The
442 recommendations must delineate policies and procedures that will
443 improve the implementation and oversight of high school athletic
444 programs by the FHSAA ~~organization~~.

445 (e) The public liaison advisory committee shall meet four
446 times annually. Additional meetings may be called by the
447 committee chairperson, the FHSAA ~~organization~~ president, or the
448 FHSAA executive director ~~organization~~ ~~commissioner~~.

449 (7) APPEALS.—

450 (a) The FHSAA ~~organization~~ shall establish a procedure of
451 due process which ensures each student the opportunity to appeal
452 an unfavorable ruling with regard to his or her eligibility to
453 compete. The initial appeal shall be made to a committee on
454 appeals within the administrative region in which the student
455 lives. The FHSAA's ~~organization's~~ bylaws shall establish the
456 number, size, and composition of each ~~the~~ committee on appeals.

457 (b) No member of the board of directors is eligible to
458 serve on a ~~the~~ committee on appeals.

459 (c) Members of a ~~the~~ committee on appeals shall serve
460 terms of 3 years and are eligible to succeed themselves only
461 once. A member of a ~~the~~ committee on appeals may serve a maximum
462 of 6 consecutive years. The FHSAA's ~~organization's~~ bylaws shall
463 establish a rotation of terms to ensure that a majority of the
464 members' terms do not expire concurrently.

465 (d) The authority and duties of a ~~the~~ committee on appeals
466 shall be to consider requests by member schools seeking
467 exceptions to bylaws and regulations, to hear undue hardship
468 eligibility cases filed by member schools on behalf of student
469 athletes, and to hear appeals filed by member schools or student
470 athletes.

471 (e) A student athlete or member school that receives an
472 unfavorable ruling from a committee on appeals shall be entitled
473 to appeal that decision to the board of directors at its next
474 regularly scheduled meeting or called meeting. The board of
475 directors shall have the authority to uphold, reverse, or amend
476 the decision of the committee on appeals. In all such cases, the

477 decision of the board of directors shall be final.

478 (f) The FHSAA shall expedite the appeals process on
479 determinations of ineligibility so that disposition of the
480 appeal can be made before the end of the applicable sports
481 season, if possible.

482 (g) In any appeal from a decision on eligibility made by
483 the executive director or a designee, a school or student
484 athlete filing the appeal must be permitted to present
485 information and evidence that was not available at the time of
486 the initial determination or if the determination was not made
487 by an unbiased, objective individual using a process allowing
488 full due process rights to be heard and to present evidence. If
489 evidence is presented on appeal, a de novo decision must be made
490 by the committee or board hearing the appeal, or the
491 determination may be suspended and the matter remanded for a new
492 determination based on all the evidence. If a de novo decision
493 is made on appeal, the decision must be made in writing, setting
494 forth the findings of fact and specific violation upon which the
495 decision is based. If a de novo decision is not required, the
496 decision appealed must be set aside if the decision on
497 ineligibility was not based on clear and convincing evidence.
498 Any further appeal shall be considered on a record that includes
499 all evidence presented.

500 (8) AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS.—Each member school
501 representative, the board of directors acting as a whole or as
502 members acting individually, any advisory committee acting as a
503 whole to be established by the FHSAA organization, and the
504 FHSAA's executive director ~~organization's commissioner~~ are

505 empowered to propose amendments to the bylaws. Any other
506 individual may propose an amendment by securing the sponsorship
507 of any of the aforementioned individuals or bodies. All proposed
508 amendments must be submitted directly to the representative
509 assembly for its consideration. The representative assembly,
510 while empowered to adopt, reject, or revise proposed amendments,
511 may not, in and of itself, as a body be allowed to propose any
512 amendment for its own consideration.

513 ~~(9) RULES ADOPTION. The bylaws of the organization shall~~
514 ~~require member schools to adopt rules for sports, which have~~
515 ~~been established by a nationally recognized sanctioning body,~~
516 ~~unless waived by at least a two-thirds vote of the board of~~
517 ~~directors.~~

518 Section 3. Paragraph (g) is added to subsection (2) of
519 section 1012.468, Florida Statutes, to read:

520 1012.468 Exceptions to certain fingerprinting and criminal
521 history checks.—

522 (2) A district school board shall exempt from the
523 screening requirements set forth in ss. 1012.465 and 1012.467
524 the following noninstructional contractors:

525 (g) An investigator for the Florida High School Athletic
526 Association (FHSAA) who meets the requirements under s.
527 1006.20(2)(e).

528 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.