

By Senator Wise

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to high school athletics; amending s.  
3           1006.15, F.S.; expanding the eligibility of certain  
4           students in private schools to participate in sports  
5           programs in public schools; amending s. 1006.20, F.S.;  
6           designating the Sunshine Independent Athletic  
7           Association as the governing nonprofit organization of  
8           athletics in private schools in this state; revising  
9           provisions relating to the bylaws of the Florida High  
10          School Athletic Association and providing for  
11          organization, authority, and duties of the Sunshine  
12          Independent Athletic Association; requiring the bylaws  
13          of both associations to allow certain students who  
14          transfer to a private school to participate in sports  
15          offered by the school; requiring such bylaws to  
16          regulate investigators used by the associations and  
17          providing restrictions on investigations that are  
18          conducted; requiring such bylaws to allow coaches to  
19          coach in outside youth sports organizations;  
20          prohibiting the Florida High School Athletic  
21          Association from denying or discouraging  
22          interscholastic competition between public and private  
23          schools; providing for annual interscholastic  
24          competition championships between public and nonpublic  
25          high schools for each sport and competition level  
26          offered in public and private high schools in this  
27          state; providing procedures for appeals to the  
28          Sunshine Independent Athletic Association; requiring  
29          that appeals to a committee on appeals for the Florida

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30 High School Athletic Association or the Sunshine  
31 Independent Athletic Association be held in the county  
32 where the appellant's school is located; requiring  
33 that an appeals process be expedited, if possible;  
34 providing for the composition of a committee on  
35 appeals for the Sunshine Independent Athletic  
36 Association; creating a board of directors of the  
37 Sunshine Independent Athletic Association and  
38 providing authority and duties of the board; providing  
39 for the composition of the board membership;  
40 authorizing private schools to join the Sunshine  
41 Independent Athletic Association; providing for the  
42 use of fines collected by either association;  
43 providing an effective date.

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

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47 Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 1006.15, Florida  
48 Statutes, is amended to read:

49 1006.15 Student standards for participation in  
50 interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular student  
51 activities; regulation.—

52 (8) (a) The Florida High School Athletic Association  
53 (FHSA), in cooperation with each district school board, shall  
54 facilitate a program in which a middle school or high school  
55 student who attends a private school shall be eligible to  
56 participate in an interscholastic or intrascholastic sport at a  
57 public high school, a public middle school, or a 6-12 public  
58 school that is zoned for the physical address at which the

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59 student resides if:

60 1. The private school in which the student is enrolled is  
61 not a member of the FHSAA and does not offer an interscholastic  
62 or intrascholastic athletic program or does not offer a specific  
63 sport that is offered at the public school.

64 2. The private school student meets the guidelines for the  
65 conduct of the program established by the FHSAA's board of  
66 directors and the district school board. At a minimum, such  
67 guidelines shall provide:

68 a. A deadline for each sport by which the private school  
69 student's parents must register with the public school in  
70 writing their intent for their child to participate at that  
71 school in the sport.

72 b. Requirements for a private school student to  
73 participate, including, but not limited to, meeting the same  
74 standards of eligibility, acceptance, behavior, educational  
75 progress, and performance which apply to other students  
76 participating in interscholastic or intrascholastic sports at a  
77 public school or FHSAA member private school.

78 (b) The parents of a private school student participating  
79 in a public school sport under this subsection are responsible  
80 for transporting their child to and from the public school at  
81 which the student participates. The private school the student  
82 attends, the public school at which the student participates in  
83 a sport, the district school board, and the FHSAA are exempt  
84 from civil liability arising from any injury that occurs to the  
85 student during such transportation.

86 (c) For each academic year, a private school student may  
87 only participate at the public school in which the student is

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88 first registered under sub-subparagraph (a)2.a. or makes himself  
89 or herself a candidate for an athletic team by engaging in a  
90 practice.

91 (d) The athletic director of each participating FHSAA  
92 member public school shall maintain the student records  
93 necessary for eligibility, compliance, and participation in the  
94 program.

95 (e) Any non-FHSAA member private school that has a student  
96 who wishes to participate in this program must make all student  
97 records, including, but not limited to, academic, financial,  
98 disciplinary, and attendance records, available upon request of  
99 the FHSAA.

100 (f) A student must apply to participate in this program  
101 through the FHSAA program application process.

102 (g) Only students who are enrolled in non-FHSAA member  
103 private schools consisting of 250 ~~125~~ students or fewer are  
104 eligible to participate in the program in any given academic  
105 year.

106 Section 2. Section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
107 read:

108 1006.20 Athletics in ~~public~~ K-12 schools.—

109 (1) GOVERNING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The Florida High  
110 School Athletic Association is designated as the governing  
111 nonprofit organization of athletics in Florida public schools.  
112 If the Florida High School Athletic Association fails to meet  
113 the provisions of this section, the commissioner shall designate  
114 a nonprofit organization to govern athletics with the approval  
115 of the State Board of Education. The organization is not to be a  
116 state agency as defined in s. 120.52. The Sunshine Independent

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117 Athletic Association is designated as the governing nonprofit  
118 organization of athletics in private schools in this state. ~~The~~  
119 ~~organization shall be subject to the provisions of s. 1006.19. A~~  
120 ~~private school that wishes to engage in high school athletic~~  
121 ~~competition with a public high school may become a member of the~~  
122 ~~organization.~~ The bylaws of each ~~the~~ organization shall ~~are to~~  
123 be the rules by which high school athletic programs in its  
124 member schools, and the students who participate in them, are  
125 governed, unless otherwise specifically provided by statute. For  
126 the purposes of this section, "high school" includes grades 6  
127 through 12.

128 (2) ADOPTION OF BYLAWS.—

129 (a) Each ~~The~~ organization shall adopt bylaws that, unless  
130 specifically provided by statute, establish eligibility  
131 requirements for all students who participate in high school  
132 athletic competition in its member schools. The bylaws governing  
133 residence and transfer shall allow the student to be eligible in  
134 the school in which he or she first enrolls each school year, or  
135 makes himself or herself a candidate for an athletic team by  
136 engaging in a practice before ~~prior to~~ enrolling in any member  
137 school. The bylaws shall also allow a student who transfers from  
138 a public school to a private school during the school year to  
139 participate in any sport offered by the private school, with the  
140 approval of the public school district, if the student pays the  
141 full tuition charged by the private school for all students. The  
142 student shall be eligible in that school so long as he or she  
143 remains enrolled in that school. Subsequent eligibility shall be  
144 determined and enforced through the organization's bylaws.

145 (b) Each ~~The~~ organization shall adopt bylaws that

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146 specifically prohibit the recruiting of students for athletic  
147 purposes. The bylaws shall prescribe penalties and an appeals  
148 process for athletic recruiting violations.

149 (c) Each ~~The~~ organization shall adopt bylaws that require  
150 all students participating in interscholastic athletic  
151 competition or who are candidates for an interscholastic  
152 athletic team to satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each  
153 year before ~~prior to~~ participating in interscholastic athletic  
154 competition or engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, or  
155 other physical activity associated with the student's candidacy  
156 for an interscholastic athletic team. Such medical evaluation  
157 shall ~~can only~~ be administered only by a practitioner licensed  
158 ~~under the provisions of~~ chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460,  
159 or s. 464.012, and in good standing with the practitioner's  
160 regulatory board. The bylaws shall establish requirements for  
161 eliciting a student's medical history and performing the medical  
162 evaluation required under this paragraph, which shall include a  
163 physical assessment of the student's physical capabilities to  
164 participate in interscholastic athletic competition as contained  
165 in a uniform preparticipation physical evaluation and history  
166 form. The evaluation form shall incorporate the recommendations  
167 of the American Heart Association for participation  
168 cardiovascular screening and shall provide a place for the  
169 signature of the practitioner performing the evaluation with an  
170 attestation that each examination procedure listed on the form  
171 was performed by the practitioner or by someone under the direct  
172 supervision of the practitioner. The form shall also contain a  
173 place for the practitioner to indicate if a referral to another  
174 practitioner was made in lieu of completion of a certain

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175 examination procedure. The form shall provide a place for the  
176 practitioner to whom the student was referred to complete the  
177 remaining sections and attest to that portion of the  
178 examination. The preparticipation physical evaluation form shall  
179 advise students to complete a cardiovascular assessment and  
180 shall include information concerning alternative cardiovascular  
181 evaluation and diagnostic tests. Results of such medical  
182 evaluation must be provided to the school. No student shall be  
183 eligible to participate in any interscholastic athletic  
184 competition or engage in any practice, tryout, workout, or other  
185 physical activity associated with the student's candidacy for an  
186 interscholastic athletic team until the results of the medical  
187 evaluation have been received and approved by the school.

188 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (c), a  
189 student may participate in interscholastic athletic competition  
190 or be a candidate for an interscholastic athletic team if the  
191 parent of the student objects in writing to the student  
192 undergoing a medical evaluation because such evaluation is  
193 contrary to his or her religious tenets or practices. However,  
194 in such case, there shall be no liability on the part of any  
195 person or entity in a position to otherwise rely on the results  
196 of such medical evaluation for any damages resulting from the  
197 student's injury or death arising directly from the student's  
198 participation in interscholastic athletics where an undisclosed  
199 medical condition that would have been revealed in the medical  
200 evaluation is a proximate cause of the injury or death.

201 (e) Each organization shall adopt bylaws that regulate  
202 persons who conduct investigations. Such bylaws shall include  
203 provisions that require investigators to:

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204 1. Undergo a background check before being hired and be  
205 issued and carry a photo identification card that shows the  
206 association name and logo and the person's job title.

207 2. Adhere to the following guidelines:

208 a. Interviews may be conducted only on Monday through  
209 Friday between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

210 b. Searches of lockers, residences, or other private areas  
211 may be conducted only with the written approval of the person  
212 being investigated.

213 c. Parents or legal guardians of any person being  
214 interviewed may be present at the interview.

215 d. Any person being interviewed may have legal counsel  
216 present at an interview. However, the attorney may not  
217 participate in the interview or object to a question, other than  
218 advising the person not to answer a question.

219 (f) Each organization shall adopt bylaws that allow a coach  
220 employed in a school that is a member of the organization to  
221 also coach or otherwise volunteer for a community, church, or  
222 other outside youth sports organization if such outside activity  
223 does not conflict with his or her obligations with the employer.

224 (3) GOVERNING STRUCTURE OF EACH ~~THE~~ ORGANIZATION.—

225 (a) Each ~~The~~ organization shall operate as a representative  
226 democracy in which the sovereign authority is within its member  
227 schools. Except as provided in this section, each ~~the~~  
228 organization shall govern its affairs through its bylaws.

229 (b) Each member school, on its annual application for  
230 membership, shall name its official representative to the  
231 organization. This representative must be either the school  
232 principal or his or her designee. That designee must either be



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233 an assistant principal or athletic director housed within that  
234 same school.

235 (c) Each ~~The~~ organization's membership shall be divided  
236 along existing county lines into four contiguous and compact  
237 administrative regions, each containing an equal or nearly equal  
238 number of member schools to ensure equitable representation on  
239 the organization's board of directors, representative assembly,  
240 and committee on appeals.

241 (4) BOARD OF DIRECTORS; FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC  
242 ASSOCIATION.—

243 (a) The executive authority of the organization shall be  
244 vested in its board of directors. Any entity that appoints  
245 members to the board of directors shall examine the ethnic and  
246 demographic composition of the board when selecting candidates  
247 for appointment and shall, to the greatest extent possible, make  
248 appointments that reflect state demographic and population  
249 trends. The board of directors shall be composed of 16 persons,  
250 as follows:

251 1. Four public member school representatives, one elected  
252 from among its public school representative members within each  
253 of the four administrative regions.

254 2. Four nonpublic member school representatives, one  
255 elected from among its nonpublic school representative members  
256 within each of the four administrative regions.

257 3. Three representatives appointed by the commissioner, one  
258 appointed from the two northernmost administrative regions and  
259 one appointed from the two southernmost administrative regions.  
260 The third representative shall be appointed to balance the board  
261 for diversity or state population trends, or both.

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262 4. Two district school superintendents, one elected from  
263 the two northernmost administrative regions by the members in  
264 those regions and one elected from the two southernmost  
265 administrative regions by the members in those regions.

266 5. Two district school board members, one elected from the  
267 two northernmost administrative regions by the members in those  
268 regions and one elected from the two southernmost administrative  
269 regions by the members in those regions.

270 6. The commissioner or his or her designee from the  
271 department executive staff.

272 (b) A quorum of the board of directors shall consist of  
273 nine members.

274 (c) The board of directors shall elect a president and a  
275 vice president from among its members. These officers shall also  
276 serve as officers of the organization.

277 (d) Members of the board of directors shall serve terms of  
278 3 years and are eligible to succeed themselves only once. A  
279 member of the board of directors, other than the commissioner or  
280 his or her designee, may serve a maximum of 6 consecutive years.  
281 The organization's bylaws shall establish a rotation of terms to  
282 ensure that a majority of the members' terms do not expire  
283 concurrently.

284 (e) The authority and duties of the board of directors,  
285 acting as a body and in accordance with the organization's  
286 bylaws, are as follows:

287 1. To act as the incorporated organization's board of  
288 directors and to fulfill its obligations as required by the  
289 organization's charter and articles of incorporation.

290 2. To establish such guidelines, regulations, policies, and

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291 procedures as are authorized by the bylaws.

292 3. To provide an organization commissioner, who shall have  
293 the authority to waive the bylaws of the organization in order  
294 to comply with statutory changes.

295 4. To levy annual dues and other fees and to set the  
296 percentage of contest receipts to be collected by the  
297 organization.

298 5. To approve the budget of the organization.

299 6. To organize and conduct statewide interscholastic  
300 competitions, which may or may not lead to state championships,  
301 and to establish the terms and conditions for these  
302 competitions. The Florida High School Athletic Association may  
303 not deny or discourage interscholastic competition between its  
304 members and members of the Sunshine Independent Athletic  
305 Association, nor may it take any retributory or discriminatory  
306 action against any of its members who engage in interscholastic  
307 competition with members of the Sunshine Independent Athletic  
308 Association. The two associations shall conduct annual state  
309 interscholastic championship competitions for each sport and  
310 competition level offered at their member schools.

311 7. To act as an administrative board in the interpretation  
312 of, and final decision on, all questions and appeals arising  
313 from the directing of interscholastic athletics of member  
314 schools.

315 (5) REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY; FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC  
316 ASSOCIATION.—

317 (a) The legislative authority of the organization is vested  
318 in its representative assembly.

319 (b) The representative assembly shall be composed of the

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320 following:

321 1. An equal number of member school representatives from  
322 each of the four administrative regions.

323 2. Four district school superintendents, one elected from  
324 each of the four administrative regions by the district school  
325 superintendents in their respective administrative regions.

326 3. Four district school board members, one elected from  
327 each of the four administrative regions by the district school  
328 board members in their respective administrative regions.

329 4. The commissioner or his or her designee from the  
330 department executive staff.

331 (c) The organization's bylaws shall establish the number of  
332 member school representatives to serve in the representative  
333 assembly from each of the four administrative regions and shall  
334 establish the method for their selection.

335 (d) No member of the board of directors other than the  
336 commissioner or his or her designee can serve in the  
337 representative assembly.

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

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

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

347 (h) The authority of the representative assembly is limited  
348 to its sole duty, which is to consider, adopt, or reject any

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349 proposed amendments to the organization's bylaws.

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

353 (6) PUBLIC LIAISON ADVISORY COMMITTEE; FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL  
354 ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.—

355 (a) The organization shall establish, sustain, fund, and  
356 provide staff support to a public liaison advisory committee  
357 composed of the following:

- 358 1. The commissioner or his or her designee.
- 359 2. A member public school principal.
- 360 3. A member private school principal.
- 361 4. A member school principal who is a member of a racial  
362 minority.
- 363 5. An active athletic director.
- 364 6. An active coach, who is employed full time by a member  
365 school.
- 366 7. A student athlete.
- 367 8. A district school superintendent.
- 368 9. A district school board member.
- 369 10. A member of the Florida House of Representatives.
- 370 11. A member of the Florida Senate.
- 371 12. A parent of a high school student.
- 372 13. A member of a home education association.
- 373 14. A representative of the business community.
- 374 15. A representative of the news media.

375 (b) No member of the board of directors, committee on  
376 appeals, or representative assembly is eligible to serve on the  
377 public liaison advisory committee.

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

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

382 1. To act as a conduit through which the general public may  
383 have input into the decisionmaking process of the organization  
384 and to assist the organization in the development of procedures  
385 regarding the receipt of public input and disposition of  
386 complaints related to high school athletic and competition  
387 programs.

388 2. To conduct public hearings annually in each of the four  
389 administrative regions during which interested parties may  
390 address issues regarding the effectiveness of the rules,  
391 operation, and management of the organization.

392 3. To conduct an annual evaluation of the organization as a  
393 whole and present a report of its findings, conclusion, and  
394 recommendations to the board of directors, to the commissioner,  
395 and to the respective education committees of the Florida Senate  
396 and the Florida House of Representatives. The recommendations  
397 must delineate policies and procedures that will improve the  
398 implementation and oversight of high school athletic programs by  
399 the organization.

400 (e) The public liaison advisory committee shall meet four  
401 times annually. Additional meetings may be called by the  
402 committee chairperson, the organization president, or the  
403 organization commissioner.

404 (7) APPEALS.—

405 (a) Each ~~The~~ organization shall establish a procedure of  
406 due process which ensures each student the opportunity to appeal

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407 an unfavorable ruling with regard to his or her eligibility to  
408 compete. The initial appeal shall be made to a committee on  
409 appeals within the administrative region in which the student  
410 lives. Each ~~The~~ organization's bylaws shall establish the  
411 number, size, and composition of the committee on appeals.

412 (b) No member of the board of directors is eligible to  
413 serve on the committee on appeals.

414 (c) Members of the committee on appeals shall serve terms  
415 of 3 years and are eligible to succeed themselves only once. A  
416 member of the committee on appeals may serve a maximum of 6  
417 consecutive years. Each ~~The~~ organization's bylaws shall  
418 establish a rotation of terms to ensure that a majority of the  
419 members' terms do not expire concurrently.

420 (d) The authority and duties of the committee on appeals  
421 shall be to consider requests by member schools seeking  
422 exceptions to bylaws and regulations, to hear undue hardship  
423 eligibility cases filed by member schools on behalf of student  
424 athletes, and to hear appeals filed by member schools.

425 (e) A student athlete or member school that receives an  
426 unfavorable ruling from a committee on appeals shall be entitled  
427 to appeal that decision to the board of directors at its next  
428 regularly scheduled meeting or called meeting. The board of  
429 directors shall have the authority to uphold, reverse, or amend  
430 the decision of the committee on appeals. In all such cases, the  
431 decision of the board of directors shall be final.

432 (f) Hearings on appeals shall be held in the county where  
433 the appellant's school is located.

434 (g) The organizations shall expedite the appeals process so  
435 that disposition of the appeal can be made prior to the end of

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436 the applicable sports season, if possible.

437 (h) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the committee on appeals  
438 of the Sunshine Independent Athletic Association shall be  
439 composed of 10 persons as follows:

440 1. Three members appointed by the Governor.

441 2. Three members appointed by the President of the Senate.

442 3. Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
443 Representatives.

444 4. The commissioner or his or her designee, who shall serve  
445 as a nonvoting member.

446 (8) AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS.—Each member school representative,  
447 the board of directors acting as a whole or as members acting  
448 individually, any advisory committee acting as a whole to be  
449 established by the organization, and the ~~organization's~~  
450 commissioner are empowered to propose amendments to the bylaws.  
451 Any other individual may propose an amendment by securing the  
452 sponsorship of any of the aforementioned individuals or bodies.  
453 All proposed amendments must be submitted directly to the  
454 representative assembly for its consideration. The  
455 representative assembly, while empowered to adopt, reject, or  
456 revise proposed amendments, may not, in and of itself, as a body  
457 be allowed to propose any amendment for its own consideration.

458 (9) RULES ADOPTION.—The bylaws of each ~~the~~ organization  
459 shall require member schools to adopt rules for sports, which  
460 have been established by a nationally recognized sanctioning  
461 body, unless waived by at least a two-thirds vote of the board  
462 of directors.

463 (10) BOARD OF DIRECTORS; SUNSHINE INDEPENDENT ATHLETIC  
464 ASSOCIATION.—



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465       (a) The executive authority of the organization shall be  
466 vested in its board of directors. Any entity that appoints  
467 members to the board of directors shall examine the ethnic and  
468 demographic composition of the board when selecting candidates  
469 for appointment and shall, to the extent possible, make  
470 appointments that reflect state domestic and population trends.  
471 The board of directors shall be composed of 16 persons, as  
472 follows:

473       1. Four representatives, not affiliated with any school,  
474 school system, or school board, one elected from among its  
475 public school representative members within each of the four  
476 administrative regions for public schools.

477       2. Four nonpublic member school representatives, one  
478 elected from among its nonpublic school representative members  
479 within each of the four administrative regions for public  
480 schools.

481       3. Three representatives appointed by the commissioner, one  
482 appointed from the two northernmost administrative regions and  
483 one appointed from the two southernmost administrative regions.  
484 If necessary and to the extent possible, the third  
485 representative shall be appointed to balance the board for  
486 diversity or state population trends, or both, and may be  
487 appointed from any of the four administrative regions for public  
488 schools.

489       4. Two school headmasters, one elected from the two  
490 northernmost administrative regions by the nonpublic school  
491 members in those regions and one elected from the two  
492 southernmost administrative regions by the nonpublic school  
493 members in those regions.

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494 5. Two nonpublic school governing board members, one  
495 elected from the two northernmost administrative regions by the  
496 nonpublic school members in those regions and one elected from  
497 the two southernmost administrative regions by the nonpublic  
498 school members in those regions.

499 6. The commissioner, or his or her designee from the  
500 department executive staff.

501 (b) A quorum of the board of directors shall consist of  
502 nine members.

503 (c) The board of directors shall elect a president and a  
504 vice president from among its members. These officers shall also  
505 serve as officers of the organization.

506 (d) Eight members of the board of directors shall serve  
507 terms of 3 years and are eligible to succeed themselves for two  
508 additional consecutive terms. Eight members shall serve terms of  
509 4 years and, except for the commissioner, who may serve an  
510 unlimited number of consecutive terms, are eligible to succeed  
511 themselves for only one additional consecutive term. The  
512 organization's bylaws shall establish a rotation of terms to  
513 ensure that a majority of the members' terms do not expire  
514 concurrently.

515 (e) The authority and duties of the board of directors,  
516 acting as a body and in accordance with the organization's  
517 bylaws, are as follows:

518 1. To act as the incorporated organization's board of  
519 directors and to fulfill its obligations as required by the  
520 organization's charter and articles of incorporation.

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

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523       3. To provide an organization commissioner, who shall have  
524 the authority to waive the bylaws of the organization in order  
525 to comply with statutory changes.

526       4. To levy annual dues and other fees and to set the  
527 percentage of contest receipts to be collected by the  
528 organization.

529       5. To approve the budget of the organization.

530       6. To organize and conduct statewide interscholastic  
531 competitions.

532       7. To act as an administrative board in the interpretation  
533 of, and final decision on, all questions and appeals arising  
534 from the directing of interscholastic athletics of member  
535 schools.

536       (11) MEMBERSHIP.—Notwithstanding any provision of law to  
537 the contrary, any nonpublic high school in this state, including  
538 charter schools and virtual schools, may become a member of the  
539 Sunshine Independent Athletic Association and participate in the  
540 activities of that organization. However, membership in the  
541 association is not mandatory for any school.

542       (12) FINES.—Any fines collected by either organization  
543 shall be deposited into the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund.

544       Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.