

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to extracurricular activities;  
 3           amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; providing that K-12 public  
 4           school students who meet certain requirements have a  
 5           right to participate in extracurricular activities;  
 6           amending s. 1006.15, F.S.; authorizing public school  
 7           students attending a public school that does not offer  
 8           a particular extracurricular activity to participate  
 9           in that extracurricular activity at a public or  
 10          private school, subject to certain requirements;  
 11          deleting a criterion for students who are enrolled in  
 12          non-FHSAA member private schools to participate in  
 13          interscholastic or interscholastic sports; providing  
 14          an effective date.

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

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 18           Section 1. Present paragraph (e) of subsection (18) of  
 19           section 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph  
 20           (f), and a new paragraph (e) is added to that subsection, to  
 21           read:

22           1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public  
 23           school students must receive accurate and timely information  
 24           regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed  
 25           of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12  
 26           students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory  
 27           rights including, but not limited to, the following:

28           (18) EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.—In accordance with the

29 provisions of s. 1006.15:

30 (e) Public school students.—Public school students who  
31 meet specified academic and conduct requirements are eligible to  
32 participate in extracurricular activities at the closest public  
33 or private school that offers the extracurricular activity or at  
34 a public school that the student could choose to attend pursuant  
35 to district school board policies.

36 Section 2. Paragraphs (h), (i), and (j) are added to  
37 subsection (3) of section 1006.15, Florida Statutes, and  
38 subsection (8) of that section is amended, to read:

39 1006.15 Student standards for participation in  
40 interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular student  
41 activities; regulation.—

42 (3)

43 (h) A student who attends a public school that does not  
44 offer a particular extracurricular activity is eligible to  
45 participate in that extracurricular activity at the closest  
46 public or private school that offers the extracurricular  
47 activity or at a public school that the student could choose to  
48 attend pursuant to district or interdistrict controlled open  
49 enrollment provisions if the student:

50 1. Meets the requirements for eligibility to participate  
51 in interscholastic extracurricular activities, as provided under  
52 paragraph (a);

53 2. Demonstrates educational progress at the school he or  
54 she attends as required in paragraph (b);

55 3. Meets the same standards of acceptance, behavior, and  
56 performance that are required of other students in

57 | extracurricular activities; and

58 |       4. Registers with the school that offers the  
59 | extracurricular activity his or her intent to participate in the  
60 | interscholastic extracurricular activity at that school before  
61 | the beginning date of the season for the activity in which he or  
62 | she wishes to participate. A public school student must be able  
63 | to participate in a curricular activity if it is a requirement  
64 | for an extracurricular activity. The student may choose to  
65 | participate in the required curricular activity at the school he  
66 | or she attends or at the school in which he or she participates  
67 | in the extracurricular activity.

68 |       (i) A student who has been unable to maintain academic  
69 | eligibility for participation in interscholastic extracurricular  
70 | activities is ineligible to participate in such activities under  
71 | paragraph (h) until the student has successfully completed one  
72 | grading period.

73 |       (j) The parents of a student who participates in an  
74 | extracurricular activity under paragraph (h) are responsible for  
75 | transporting their child to and from the school at which the  
76 | student participates. The public school the student attends, the  
77 | school at which the student participates in the extracurricular  
78 | activity, the district school board, and the FHSAA are exempt  
79 | from civil liability arising from any injury that occurs to the  
80 | student during such transportation.

81 |       (8) (a) The Florida High School Athletic Association  
82 | (FHSAA), in cooperation with each district school board, shall  
83 | facilitate a program in which a middle school or high school  
84 | student who attends a private school shall be eligible to

85 | participate in an interscholastic or intrascholastic sport at a  
86 | public high school, a public middle school, or a 6-12 public  
87 | school that is zoned for the physical address at which the  
88 | student resides if:

89 |       1. The private school in which the student is enrolled is  
90 | not a member of the FHSAA and does not offer an interscholastic  
91 | or intrascholastic athletic program.

92 |       2. The private school student meets the guidelines for the  
93 | conduct of the program established by the FHSAA's board of  
94 | directors and the district school board. At a minimum, such  
95 | guidelines shall provide:

96 |           a. A deadline for each sport by which the private school  
97 | student's parents must register with the public school in  
98 | writing their intent for their child to participate at that  
99 | school in the sport.

100 |           b. Requirements for a private school student to  
101 | participate, including, but not limited to, meeting the same  
102 | standards of eligibility, acceptance, behavior, educational  
103 | progress, and performance which apply to other students  
104 | participating in interscholastic or intrascholastic sports at a  
105 | public school or FHSAA member private school.

106 |       (b) The parents of a private school student participating  
107 | in a public school sport under this subsection are responsible  
108 | for transporting their child to and from the public school at  
109 | which the student participates. The private school the student  
110 | attends, the public school at which the student participates in  
111 | a sport, the district school board, and the FHSAA are exempt  
112 | from civil liability arising from any injury that occurs to the

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113 student during such transportation.

114 (c) For each academic year, a private school student may  
115 only participate at the public school in which the student is  
116 first registered under sub-subparagraph (a)2.a. or makes himself  
117 or herself a candidate for an athletic team by engaging in a  
118 practice.

119 (d) The athletic director of each participating FHSAA  
120 member public school shall maintain the student records  
121 necessary for eligibility, compliance, and participation in the  
122 program.

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

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

130 (g) ~~Only~~ Students who are enrolled in non-FHSAA member  
131 private schools ~~consisting of 125 students or fewer~~ are eligible  
132 to participate in the program in any given academic year.

133 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.