

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to student eligibility for  
3 extracurricular activities; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.;  
4 conforming provisions; amending s. 1006.15, F.S.;  
5 revising the definition of extracurricular activities;  
6 correcting cross-references; revising provisions  
7 enabling home education, charter school, virtual  
8 education, and certain private school students to  
9 participate in extracurricular activities at a public  
10 school; authorizing students attending certain public  
11 schools to participate in extracurricular activities  
12 at another public school; requiring that district  
13 school board eligibility policies apply evenly to all  
14 students regardless of a student's extracurricular  
15 activity; amending s. 1006.20, F.S.; revising  
16 requirements for the bylaws of the Florida High School  
17 Athletic Association; revising a transfer deadline;  
18 requiring the bylaws to specify that the  
19 preparticipation physical evaluation form advise  
20 students to complete a cardiovascular assessment that  
21 includes an electrocardiogram; requiring the  
22 association to make available to parents literature on  
23 the importance of preparticipation cardiovascular  
24 assessment; providing an effective date.

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

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 28 Section 1. Subsection (11) of section 1002.33, Florida  
 29 Statutes, is amended to read:  
 30 1002.33 Charter schools.—  
 31 (11) PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC EXTRACURRICULAR  
 32 ACTIVITIES.—A charter school student is eligible to participate  
 33 in ~~an interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities ~~activity at the~~  
 34 ~~public school to which the student would be otherwise assigned~~  
 35 ~~to attend~~ pursuant to s. 1006.15(3)(d).  
 36 Section 2. Subsections (2) and (3) and paragraphs (a) and  
 37 (b) of subsection (8) of section 1006.15, Florida Statutes, are  
 38 amended, and subsection (9) is added to that section, to read:  
 39 1006.15 Student standards for participation in  
 40 interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular student  
 41 activities; regulation.—  
 42 (2) ~~Interscholastic~~ Extracurricular ~~student~~ activities are  
 43 an important complement to the academic curriculum.  
 44 Participation in a comprehensive extracurricular and academic  
 45 program contributes to student development of the social and  
 46 intellectual skills necessary to become a well-rounded adult. As  
 47 used in this section, the term "extracurricular activity" means  
 48 any school-authorized or education-related activity occurring  
 49 during or outside the regular instructional school day,  
 50 including, but not limited to, interscholastic athletics  
 51 regulated by the Florida High School Athletic Association  
 52 (FHSAA); intramural athletics; and fine or performing arts,

53 speech and debate, and other academic or social clubs, teams, or  
54 activities.

55 (3) (a) To be eligible to participate in ~~interscholastic~~  
56 extracurricular ~~student~~ activities, a student must:

57 1. Maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0  
58 scale, or its equivalent, in the previous semester or a  
59 cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale,  
60 or its equivalent, in the courses required by s. 1002.3105(5)  
61 ~~1003.428~~ or s. 1003.4282 ~~1003.429~~.

62 2. Execute and fulfill the requirements of an academic  
63 performance contract between the student, the district school  
64 board, the appropriate governing association, and the student's  
65 parents, if the student's cumulative grade point average falls  
66 below 2.0, or its equivalent, on a 4.0 scale in the courses  
67 required by s. 1002.3105(5) ~~1003.428~~ or s. 1003.4282 ~~1003.429~~.  
68 At a minimum, the contract must require that the student attend  
69 summer school, or its graded equivalent, between grades 9 and 10  
70 or grades 10 and 11, as necessary.

71 3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above  
72 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the courses required by s.  
73 1002.3105(5) ~~1003.428~~ or s. 1003.4282 ~~1003.429~~ during his or her  
74 junior or senior year.

75 4. Maintain satisfactory conduct, including adherence to  
76 appropriate dress and other codes of student conduct policies  
77 described in s. 1006.07(2). If a student is convicted of, or is  
78 found to have committed, a felony or a delinquent act that would

79 | have been a felony if committed by an adult, regardless of  
80 | whether adjudication is withheld, the student's participation in  
81 | ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities is contingent upon  
82 | established and published district school board policy.

83 | (b) Any student who is exempt from attending a full school  
84 | day based on rules adopted by the district school board for  
85 | double session schools or programs, experimental schools, or  
86 | schools operating under emergency conditions must maintain the  
87 | grade point average required by this section and pass each class  
88 | for which he or she is enrolled.

89 | (c) An individual home education student is eligible to  
90 | participate at any the public school in the school district in  
91 | which he or she resides ~~to which the student would be assigned~~  
92 | ~~according to district school board attendance area policies~~ or a  
93 | public school in another school district which the student could  
94 | choose to attend pursuant to ~~district or~~ interdistrict  
95 | controlled open enrollment policies ~~provisions~~, or may develop  
96 | an agreement to participate at a private school, in the  
97 | ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities of that school,  
98 | provided the following conditions are met:

99 | 1. The home education student must meet the requirements  
100 | of the home education program pursuant to s. 1002.41.

101 | 2. During the period of participation at a school, the  
102 | home education student must demonstrate educational progress ~~as~~  
103 | ~~required in paragraph (b)~~ in all subjects taken in the home  
104 | education program by a method of evaluation agreed upon by the

105 parent and the school principal which may include~~+~~ review of the  
106 student's work by a certified teacher chosen by the parent;  
107 grades earned through correspondence; grades earned in courses  
108 taken at a Florida College System institution, university, or  
109 trade school; standardized test scores above the 35th  
110 percentile; or any other method designated in s. 1002.41.

111 ~~3. The home education student must meet the same residency~~  
112 ~~requirements as other students in the school at which he or she~~  
113 ~~participates.~~

114 3.4. The home education student must meet the same  
115 standards of acceptance, behavior, and performance as required  
116 of other students in extracurricular activities.

117 4.5. The student must register with the school his or her  
118 intent to participate in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular  
119 activities as a representative of the school before the  
120 beginning date of the particular athletic season or other ~~for~~  
121 ~~the~~ activity in which he or she wishes to participate. A home  
122 education student must be able to participate in curricular  
123 activities if that is a requirement for an extracurricular  
124 activity.

125 5.6. A student who transfers from a home education program  
126 to a public school before or during the first grading period of  
127 the school year is academically eligible to participate in  
128 ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities during the first  
129 grading period provided the student has a successful evaluation  
130 from the previous school year, pursuant to subparagraph 2.

131 ~~6.7.~~ Any public school or private school student who has  
132 been unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation  
133 in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities is ineligible to  
134 participate in such activities as a home education student until  
135 the student has successfully completed one grading period in  
136 home education pursuant to subparagraph 2. to become eligible to  
137 participate as a home education student.

138 (d) An individual charter school student pursuant to s.  
139 1002.33 is eligible to participate at any the public school in  
140 the school district in which he or she resides ~~to which the~~  
141 ~~student would be assigned according to district school board~~  
142 ~~attendance area policies~~ or a public school in another school  
143 district which the student could choose to attend, pursuant to  
144 ~~district or interdistrict controlled~~ open enrollment policies  
145 ~~open enrollment provisions~~, in any ~~interscholastic~~  
146 extracurricular activity of that school, unless such activity is  
147 provided by the student's charter school, if the following  
148 conditions are met:

149 1. The charter school student must meet the requirements  
150 of the charter school education program as determined by the  
151 charter school governing board.

152 2. During the period of participation at a school, the  
153 charter school student must demonstrate educational progress as  
154 required in paragraph (a) ~~(b)~~.

155 ~~3. The charter school student must meet the same residency~~  
156 ~~requirements as other students in the school at which he or she~~

157 ~~participates.~~

158       3.4. The charter school student must meet the same  
159 standards of acceptance, behavior, and performance that are  
160 required of other students in extracurricular activities.

161       4.5. The charter school student must register with the  
162 school his or her intent to participate in ~~interscholastic~~  
163 extracurricular activities as a representative of the school  
164 before the beginning date of the particular athletic season or  
165 other ~~for the~~ activity in which he or she wishes to participate.  
166 A charter school student must be able to participate in  
167 curricular activities if that is a requirement for an  
168 extracurricular activity.

169       5.6. A student who transfers from a charter school ~~program~~  
170 to a traditional public school before or during the first  
171 grading period of the school year is academically eligible to  
172 participate in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities during  
173 the first grading period if the student has a successful  
174 evaluation from the previous school year, pursuant to  
175 subparagraph 2.

176       6.7. Any public school or private school student who has  
177 been unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation  
178 in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities is ineligible to  
179 participate in such activities as a charter school student until  
180 the student has successfully completed one grading period in a  
181 charter school pursuant to subparagraph 2. to become eligible to  
182 participate as a charter school student.

183 (e) A student enrolled ~~of the Florida Virtual School~~ full-  
 184 time in a virtual instruction program pursuant to s. 1002.45, a  
 185 virtual charter school pursuant to s. 1002.33, or the Florida  
 186 Virtual School pursuant to s. 1002.37 may participate in any  
 187 ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activity at any the public  
 188 school in the school district in which he or she resides or a  
 189 public school in another school district ~~to which the student~~  
 190 ~~would be assigned according to district school board attendance~~  
 191 ~~area policies or~~ which the student could choose to attend,  
 192 pursuant to ~~district or~~ interdistrict controlled open enrollment  
 193 policies, if the student:

194 1. During the period of participation in the  
 195 ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activity, meets the requirements  
 196 in paragraph (a).

197 2. ~~Meets any additional requirements as determined by the~~  
 198 ~~board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School.~~

199 3. ~~Meets the same residency requirements as other students~~  
 200 ~~in the school at which he or she participates.~~

201 2.4. Meets the same standards of acceptance, behavior, and  
 202 performance that are required of other students in  
 203 extracurricular activities.

204 3.5. Registers his or her intent to participate in  
 205 ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities with the school  
 206 before the beginning date of the particular athletic season or  
 207 other ~~for the~~ activity in which he or she wishes to participate.

208 A ~~Florida Virtual School~~ student must be able to participate in



209 curricular activities if that is a requirement for an  
 210 extracurricular activity.

211 4.(f) A student who transfers from a ~~the Florida Virtual~~  
 212 ~~School~~ full-time virtual education program to a traditional  
 213 public school before or during the first grading period of the  
 214 school year is academically eligible to participate in  
 215 ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities during the first  
 216 grading period if the student has a successful evaluation from  
 217 the previous school year pursuant to paragraph (a).

218 5.(g) A public school or private school student who has  
 219 been unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation  
 220 in ~~interscholastic~~ extracurricular activities is ineligible to  
 221 participate in such activities as a full-time virtual education  
 222 ~~Florida Virtual School~~ student until the student successfully  
 223 completes one grading period in the virtual education program  
 224 ~~Florida Virtual School~~ pursuant to paragraph (a).

225 (f) A student who is enrolled in a public school that does  
 226 not offer a particular extracurricular activity may participate  
 227 in that activity at any public school in the school district in  
 228 which he or she resides or a public school in another school  
 229 district which the student could choose to attend pursuant to  
 230 interdistrict controlled open enrollment policies, if the  
 231 student:

232 1. During the period of participation in the  
 233 extracurricular activity, meets the requirements in paragraph  
 234 (a).

235 2. Meets the same standards of acceptance, behavior, and  
236 performance that are required of other students participating in  
237 extracurricular activities.

238 3. Registers his or her intent to participate in  
239 extracurricular activities with the school before the beginning  
240 date of the particular athletic season or activity in which he  
241 or she wishes to participate.

242 (g) The parents of a student who participates in an  
243 extracurricular activity under paragraph (d), paragraph (e), or  
244 paragraph (f) are responsible for transporting their child to  
245 and from the school at which the student participates. The  
246 school that the student attends, the school at which the student  
247 participates in the extracurricular activity, the district  
248 school board, and the FHSAA are exempt from civil liability  
249 arising from any injury that occurs to the student during such  
250 transportation.

251 (8) (a) The FHSAA ~~Florida High School Athletic Association~~  
252 ~~(FHSAA)~~, in cooperation with each district school board, shall  
253 facilitate a program in which a middle school or high school  
254 student who attends a private school shall be eligible to  
255 participate in ~~an~~ interscholastic or intramural athletics  
256 ~~intrascholastic sport~~ at any ~~a~~ public high school, ~~a~~ public  
257 middle school, or ~~a~~ 6-12 public school in the school district in  
258 which he or she ~~that is zoned for the physical address at which~~  
259 ~~the student~~ resides or at a public school in another school  
260 district which the student could choose to attend pursuant to

261 interdistrict controlled open enrollment policies if:

262 1. The private school in which the student is enrolled is  
 263 not a member of the FHSAA and does not offer the particular ~~an~~  
 264 interscholastic or intramural athletic activity in which the  
 265 student seeks participation ~~intrascholastic athletic program~~.

266 2. The private school student meets the guidelines for the  
 267 conduct of the program established by the FHSAA's board of  
 268 directors and the district school board. At a minimum, such  
 269 guidelines shall provide:

270 a. A deadline for each sport by which the private school  
 271 student's parents must register with the public school in  
 272 writing their intent for their child to participate at that  
 273 school in the athletic activity ~~sport~~.

274 b. Requirements for a private school student to  
 275 participate, including, but not limited to, meeting the same  
 276 standards of eligibility, acceptance, behavior, educational  
 277 progress, and performance which apply to other students  
 278 participating in interscholastic or intramural athletic  
 279 activities ~~intrascholastic sports~~ at a public school or FHSAA  
 280 member private school.

281 (b) The parents of a private school student participating  
 282 in a public school athletic activity ~~sport~~ under this subsection  
 283 are responsible for transporting their child to and from the  
 284 public school at which the student participates. The private  
 285 school the student attends, the public school at which the  
 286 student participates in an athletic activity ~~a sport~~, the

287 district school board, and the FHSAA are exempt from civil  
288 liability arising from any injury that occurs to the student  
289 during such transportation.

290 (9) District school board policies regarding eligibility  
291 for extracurricular activities, including the eligibility of  
292 transfer students, must apply evenly to all students regardless  
293 of the extracurricular activity in which the student seeks to  
294 participate.

295 Section 3. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (2) of  
296 section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

297 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

298 (2) ADOPTION OF BYLAWS, POLICIES, OR GUIDELINES.—

299 (a) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that, unless specifically  
300 provided by statute, establish eligibility requirements for all  
301 students who participate in high school athletic competition in  
302 its member schools. The bylaws governing residence and transfer  
303 shall allow the student to be eligible in the school in which he  
304 or she first enrolls each school year or the school in which the  
305 student makes himself or herself a candidate for an athletic  
306 team by engaging in a practice prior to enrolling in the school.  
307 The bylaws shall also allow the student to be eligible in the  
308 school to which the student has transferred during the school  
309 year if the transfer is made by a deadline established by the  
310 FHSAA, which may not be prior to the date authorized for the  
311 beginning of practice for the sport. If the date authorized for  
312 the beginning of practice is before the first day of the grading

313 period in which the regular season games begin, the transfer  
314 deadline may not be before the first day of such grading period.  
315 These transfers shall be allowed pursuant to the district school  
316 board policies in the case of transfer to a public school or  
317 pursuant to the private school policies in the case of transfer  
318 to a private school. The student shall be eligible in that  
319 school so long as he or she remains enrolled in that school.  
320 Subsequent eligibility shall be determined and enforced through  
321 the FHSAA's bylaws. Requirements governing eligibility and  
322 transfer between member schools shall be applied similarly to  
323 public school students and private school students.

324 (c) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that require all students  
325 participating in interscholastic athletic competition or who are  
326 candidates for an interscholastic athletic team to  
327 satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year before ~~prior~~  
328 ~~to~~ participating in interscholastic athletic competition or  
329 engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, or other physical  
330 activity associated with the student's candidacy for an  
331 interscholastic athletic team. ~~Such medical evaluation may be~~  
332 ~~administered only by~~ A practitioner licensed under chapter 458,  
333 chapter 459, or chapter 460, ~~or~~ certified under s. 464.012, who  
334 is and in good standing with his or her professional ~~the~~  
335 practitioner's regulatory board, shall administer the medical  
336 evaluation. The bylaws shall establish requirements for  
337 eliciting a student's medical history and performing the medical  
338 evaluation required under this paragraph, which shall include a

339 physical assessment of the student's physical capabilities to  
340 participate in interscholastic athletic competition as contained  
341 in a uniform preparticipation physical evaluation and history  
342 form. The evaluation form shall incorporate the recommendations  
343 of the American Heart Association for participation  
344 cardiovascular screening and shall provide a place for the  
345 signature of the practitioner performing the evaluation with an  
346 attestation that each examination procedure listed on the form  
347 was performed by the practitioner or by someone under the direct  
348 supervision of the practitioner. The form shall also contain a  
349 place for the practitioner to indicate if a referral to another  
350 practitioner was made in lieu of completion of a certain  
351 examination procedure. The form shall provide a place for the  
352 practitioner to whom the student was referred to complete the  
353 remaining sections and attest to that portion of the  
354 examination. The preparticipation physical evaluation form shall  
355 contain information that advises a student ~~advise students~~ to  
356 complete a cardiovascular assessment that includes an  
357 electrocardiogram. The preparticipation physical evaluation form  
358 ~~and~~ shall also include information concerning alternative  
359 cardiovascular evaluation and diagnostic tests. Results of such  
360 medical evaluation must be provided to the school. A ~~No~~ student  
361 is not ~~shall be~~ eligible to participate in any interscholastic  
362 athletic competition or engage in any practice, tryout, workout,  
363 or other physical activity associated with the student's  
364 candidacy for an interscholastic athletic team until the results

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365 of the medical evaluation have been received and approved by the  
366 school. The FHSAA shall make available to the parent of each  
367 student literature on the importance of a preparticipation  
368 cardiovascular assessment that includes an electrocardiogram.

369 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.