

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to private school student
 3 participation in extracurricular activities; amending
 4 s. 1006.15, F.S.; revising the eligibility
 5 requirements for certain private school students to
 6 participate in interscholastic or intrascholastic
 7 sports at specified public schools; providing an
 8 effective date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section
 13 1006.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 1006.15 Student standards for participation in
 15 interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular student
 16 activities; regulation.—

17 (8) (a) The Florida High School Athletic Association
 18 (FHSAA), in cooperation with each district school board, shall
 19 facilitate a program in which a middle school or high school
 20 student who attends a private school shall be eligible to
 21 participate in an interscholastic or intrascholastic sport at a
 22 public high school, a public middle school, or a 6-12 public
 23 school to which the student would be assigned according to
 24 district school board attendance area policies or which the
 25 student could choose to attend pursuant to s. 1002.31 ~~that is~~

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26 | ~~zoned for the physical address at which the student resides if:~~

27 | 1. The private school in which the student is enrolled is
28 | not a member of the FHSAA.

29 | 2. The private school student meets the guidelines for the
30 | conduct of the program established by the FHSAA's board of
31 | directors and the district school board. At a minimum, such
32 | guidelines shall provide:

33 | a. A deadline for each sport by which the private school
34 | student's parents must register with the public school in
35 | writing their intent for their child to participate at that
36 | school in the sport.

37 | b. Requirements for a private school student to
38 | participate, including, but not limited to, meeting the same
39 | standards of eligibility, acceptance, behavior, educational
40 | progress, and performance which apply to other students
41 | participating in interscholastic or intrascholastic sports at a
42 | public school or FHSAA member private school.

43 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.