

CS/HB 1109

2017

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 and procedures or
25 which the student could choose to attend pursuant to s. 1002.31,

26 | provided the public school has not reached capacity as
27 | determined by the district school board, ~~that is zoned for the~~
28 | ~~physical address at which the student resides~~ if:

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

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

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

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

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