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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations  
(Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to private school student participation in extracurricular activities; amending s. 1006.15, F.S.; revising the eligibility requirements for certain private school students to participate in interscholastic or intrascholastic sports at specified public schools; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

(8) (a) The Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA), in cooperation with each district school board, shall facilitate a program in which a middle school or high school student who attends a private school shall be eligible to participate in an interscholastic or intrascholastic sport at a public high school, a public middle school, or a 6-12 public school to which the student would be assigned according to district school board attendance area policies or which the student could choose to attend pursuant to the district's controlled open enrollment process under s. 1002.31 ~~that is zoned for the physical address at which the student resides~~ if:



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

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

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

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

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