

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to Florida High School Athletic  
 3           Association student eligibility requirements; amending  
 4           s. 1006.20, F.S.; requiring the Florida High School  
 5           Athletic Association to adopt bylaws prohibiting a  
 6           student who is sentenced as an adult for specified  
 7           offenses from participating in certain competitions;  
 8           providing applicability; providing an 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 (2) of section  
 13 1006.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14           1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

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

16           (a) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that, unless specifically  
 17 provided otherwise by statute, establish eligibility  
 18 requirements for all students who participate in high school  
 19 athletic competition in its member schools. Such bylaws must  
 20 prohibit a student who has been sentenced as an adult for a  
 21 homicide, sexual battery, or lewd or lascivious offense from  
 22 participating in high school athletic competition in its member  
 23 schools. Such prohibition applies to a student regardless of the  
 24 disposition of his or her case, including adjudication of guilt,  
 25 withholding of adjudication, or sentencing as a youthful

26 | offender. The bylaws governing residence and transfer must allow  
27 | the student to be immediately eligible in the school in which he  
28 | or she first enrolls each school year or the school in which the  
29 | student makes himself or herself a candidate for an athletic  
30 | team by engaging in a practice before enrolling in the school.  
31 | The bylaws must also allow the student to be immediately  
32 | eligible in the school to which the student has transferred. The  
33 | student remains eligible in that school so long as he or she  
34 | remains enrolled in that school. Subsequent eligibility must be  
35 | determined and enforced through the FHSAA's bylaws. Requirements  
36 | governing eligibility and transfer between member schools must  
37 | be applied similarly to public school students and private  
38 | school students. The commissioner may direct the FHSAA to revise  
39 | its bylaws at any time.

40 |       1. Any changes to the FHSAA's bylaws must be ratified by  
41 | the State Board of Education.

42 |       2. A bylaw adopted by the FHSAA board of directors may not  
43 | take effect until it is ratified by the State Board of  
44 | Education.

45 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.