

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 any
 21 offense prohibited under chapter 782, relating to homicide; s.
 22 794.011, relating to sexual battery; or s. 800.04, relating to
 23 lewd or lascivious offenses from participating in high school
 24 athletic competition in its member schools. Such prohibition
 25 applies to a student regardless of the disposition of his or her

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

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

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

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