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An act relating to private school student
participation in interscholastic and intrascholastic
extracurricular sports; amending s. 1006.15, F.S.;
revising the criteria a private school student must
meet to participate in a sport at a Florida High
School Athletic Association (FHSAA) member school;
removing a provision limiting which non-FHSAA member
private school students are eligible to participate in
FHSAA sports; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (a), (e), and (g) of subsection (8) of section 1006.15, Florida Statutes, are 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) shall, in cooperation with each district school board and its member private schools, facilitate a program in which a middle school or high school student who attends a private school is eligible to participate in an interscholastic or intrascholastic sport at a member public high school, a member public middle school, a member 6-12 public school, or a member

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private school, as appropriate for the private school student's grade level, if:

- 1. The private school in which the student is enrolled is not a member of the FHSAA or the private school in which the student is enrolled is a member of the FHSAA and does not offer the sport in which the student wishes to participate.
- 2. The private school student meets the guidelines for the conduct of the program established by the FHSAA's board of directors and the district school board or member private school. At a minimum, such guidelines must provide a deadline for each sport by which the private school student's parents must register with the member school in writing their intent for their child to participate at that school in the sport.
- (e) Any non-FHSAA member private school that has a student who wishes to participate in this program must make all student records, including, but not limited to, academic, financial, disciplinary, and attendance records, available upon request of the FHSAA.
- (g) Only students who are enrolled in non-FHSAA member private schools consisting of 200 students or fewer are eligible to participate in the program in any given academic year.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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