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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 03/11/2025

The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Simon) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Between lines 18 and 19

insert:

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(c)<u>1.</u> An individual home education student is eligible to participate at the 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 s. 1002.31, or may develop an agreement to participate at a

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private school, in the interscholastic extracurricular 11 12 activities of that school, provided the following conditions are 13 met:

a.1. The home education student must meet the requirements of the home education program pursuant to s. 1002.41.

b.2. During the period of participation at a school, the home education student must demonstrate educational progress as required in paragraph (b) in all subjects taken in the home education program by a method of evaluation agreed upon by the parent and the school principal which may include: review of the student's work by a certified teacher chosen by the parent; grades earned through correspondence; grades earned in courses taken at a Florida College System institution, university, or trade school; standardized test scores above the 35th percentile; or any other method designated in s. 1002.41.

c.3. The home education student must meet the same residency requirements as other students in the school at which he or she participates.

d.4. The home education student must meet the same standards of acceptance, behavior, and performance as required of other students in extracurricular activities.

e.5. The student must register with the school his or her intent to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities as a representative of the school before participation. A home education student must be able to participate in curricular activities if that is a requirement 37 for an extracurricular activity.

38 f.6. A student who transfers from a home education program to a public school before or during the first grading period of 39

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40 the school year is academically eligible to participate in 41 interscholastic extracurricular activities during the first 42 grading period provided the student has a successful evaluation 43 from the previous school year, pursuant to <u>sub-subparagraph b.</u> 44 subparagraph 2.

45 <u>g.7.</u> Any public school or private school student who has 46 been unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation 47 in interscholastic extracurricular activities is ineligible to 48 participate in such activities as a home education student until 49 the student has successfully completed one grading period in 50 home education pursuant to <u>sub-subparagraph b.</u> <u>subparagraph 2.</u> 51 to become eligible to participate as a home education student.

2. An individual home education student is eligible to participate on an interscholastic athletic team at any public school in the school district in which the student resides, provided the student meets the conditions specified in subparagraph 1.

58 ===== DIRECTORY CLAUSE AMENDMENT ====== 59 And the directory clause is amended as follows: 60 Delete line 14 61 and insert: 62 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) and paragraphs 63 (a), (e), and (g) of subsection (8)64 65 66 And the title is amended as follows: 67 Delete lines 2 - 4 68 and insert:

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69	An act relating to student participation in
70	interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular
71	sports; amending s. 1006.15, F.S.; specifying
72	conditions for a home education student to participate
73	in interscholastic athletics;