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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to private school student
3 participation in interscholastic and intrascholastic
4 extracurricular sports; amending s. 1006.15, F.S.;
5 revising the criteria a private school student must
6 meet to participate in a sport at a Florida High
7 School Athletic Association (FHSAA) member school;
8 deleting a provision limiting which non-FHSAA member
9 private school students are eligible to participate in
10 FHSAA sports; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Paragraphs (a), (e), and (g) of subsection (8)
15 of section 1006.15, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

16 1006.15 Student standards for participation in
17 interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular student
18 activities; regulation.—

19 (8) (a) The Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA)
20 shall, in cooperation with each district school board and its
21 member private schools, facilitate a program in which a middle
22 school or high school student who attends a private school is
23 eligible to participate in an interscholastic or intrascholastic
24 sport at a member public high school, a member public middle
25 school, a member 6-12 public school, or a member private school,
26 as appropriate for the private school student's grade level, if:

27 1. The private school in which the student is enrolled is
28 not a member of the FHSAA or the private school in which the
29 student is enrolled is a member of the FHSAA and does not offer

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30 the sport in which the student wishes to participate.

31 2. The private school student meets the guidelines for the
32 conduct of the program established by the FHSAA's board of
33 directors and the district school board or member private
34 school. At a minimum, such guidelines must provide a deadline
35 for each sport by which the private school student's parents
36 must register with the member school in writing their intent for
37 their child to participate at that school in the sport.

38 (e) Any ~~non-FHSAA member~~ private school that has a student
39 who wishes to participate in this program must make all student
40 records, including, but not limited to, academic, financial,
41 disciplinary, and attendance records, available upon request of
42 the FHSAA.

43 ~~(g) Only students who are enrolled in non-FHSAA member~~
44 ~~private schools consisting of 200 students or fewer are eligible~~
45 ~~to participate in the program in any given academic year.~~

46 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.