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The Committee on Rules (Simon) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

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3 Delete everything after the enacting clause
4 and insert:

5 Section 1. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (2) of
6 section 1001.43, Florida Statutes, to read:

7 1001.43 Supplemental powers and duties of district school
8 board.—The district school board may exercise the following
9 supplemental powers and duties as authorized by this code or
10 State Board of Education rule.

11 (2) FISCAL MANAGEMENT.—The district school board may adopt



12 policies providing for fiscal management of the school district
13 with respect to school purchasing, facilities, nonstate revenue
14 sources, budgeting, fundraising, and other activities relating
15 to the fiscal management of district resources, including, but
16 not limited to, the policies governing:

17 (i) Use of voluntary donations and revenues generated by
18 authorized booster clubs or associations to provide funds to
19 athletic coaches or activity sponsors of an extracurricular
20 activity supported by the booster club or association. Any
21 policy authorizing payment by booster clubs or associations must
22 comply with state and federal law and may not control the
23 provision of funds except that such funds may not be used for
24 severance pay or for compensation as defined in s. 1012.22.

25 Section 2. Section 1006.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to
26 read:

27 1006.15 Student standards for participation in
28 interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular student
29 activities; regulation.—

30 (1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Craig
31 Dickinson Act."

32 (2) DETERMINATION.—Interscholastic extracurricular student
33 activities are an important complement to the academic
34 curriculum. Participation in a comprehensive extracurricular and
35 academic program contributes to student development of the
36 social and intellectual skills necessary to become a well-
37 rounded adult. As used in this section, the term
38 "extracurricular" means any school-authorized or education-
39 related activity occurring during or outside the regular
40 instructional school day. In the determination of whether a



41 school offers an activity or a sport, the activity or sport must
42 meet the designation requirements of s. 1006.205(3)(a).

43 (3)(a) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section and s. 1006.20,
44 the term:

45 (a) “Eligible student” means a home education student,
46 charter school student, private school student, Florida Virtual
47 School student, alternative school student, or traditional
48 public school student who wishes to participate in an
49 interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity.

50 (b) 1. “Eligible to participate” includes, but is not
51 limited to, a student participating in any of the following:

- 52 a. Tryouts.
- 53 b. Off-season conditioning.
- 54 c. Summer workouts.
- 55 d. Preseason conditioning.
- 56 e. In-season practice.
- 57 f. ~~or~~ Contests.

58 2. The term does not mean that a student must be placed on
59 any specific team for interscholastic or intrascholastic
60 extracurricular activities. To be eligible to participate in
61 interscholastic extracurricular student activities, a student
62 must:

63 a.1. Maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a
64 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the previous semester or a
65 cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale,
66 or its equivalent, in the courses required by s. 1002.3105(5) or
67 s. 1003.4282.

68 b.2. Execute and fulfill the requirements of an academic
69 performance contract between the student, the district school



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70 board, the appropriate governing association, and the student's
71 parents, if the student's cumulative grade point average falls
72 below 2.0, or its equivalent, on a 4.0 scale in the courses
73 required by s. 1002.3105(5) or s. 1003.4282. At a minimum, the
74 contract must require that the student attend summer school, or
75 its graded equivalent, between grades 9 and 10 or grades 10 and
76 11, as necessary.

77 c.3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above
78 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the courses required by s.
79 1002.3105(5) or s. 1003.4282 during his or her junior or senior
80 year.

81 d.4. Maintain satisfactory conduct, including adherence to
82 appropriate dress and other codes of student conduct policies
83 described in s. 1006.07(2). If a student is convicted of, or is
84 found to have committed, a felony or a delinquent act that would
85 have been a felony if committed by an adult, regardless of
86 whether adjudication is withheld, the student's participation in
87 interscholastic extracurricular activities is contingent upon
88 established and published district school board policy.

89 3.(b) Any student who is exempt from attending a full
90 school day based on rules adopted by the district school board
91 for double session schools or programs, experimental schools, or
92 schools operating under emergency conditions must maintain the
93 grade point average required by this section and pass each class
94 for which he or she is enrolled.

95 4. A home education student must meet the requirements of
96 the home education program pursuant to s. 1002.41.

97 a. During the period of participation at a school, the home
98 education student must demonstrate educational progress as



99 required in subparagraph 3. in all subjects taken in the home
100 education program by a method of evaluation agreed upon by the
101 parent and the school principal, which evaluation may include
102 review of the student's work by a certified teacher chosen by
103 the parent; grades earned through correspondence; grades earned
104 in courses taken at a Florida College System institution, state
105 university, or district career center; standardized test scores
106 above the 35th percentile; or any other method designated in s.
107 1002.41.

108 b. The home education student must meet the same standards
109 of acceptance, behavior, and performance as required of other
110 students in extracurricular activities.

111 c. A student who transfers from a home education program to
112 a public school before or during the first grading period of the
113 school year is academically eligible to participate in
114 interscholastic extracurricular activities during the first
115 grading period, provided the student has a successful evaluation
116 from the previous school year pursuant to sub subparagraph a.

117 (c) "Extracurricular" means any school-authorized or
118 education-related activity occurring during or outside the
119 regular instructional school day.

120 (d) "Governing organization" means any organization that
121 governs the interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular
122 activity of a school, including, but not limited to, the Florida
123 High School Athletic Association.

124 (4) ELIGIBILITY.

125 (a) ~~(e)~~1. A ~~an~~ individual home education student is eligible
126 to participate in an interscholastic or intrascholastic
127 extracurricular activity at the school in which he or she is



128 enrolled.

129 (b) An eligible student may participate in an
130 interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity at a
131 school other than the school in which the student is enrolled
132 if:

133 1. The school in which the student is enrolled does not
134 offer the same interscholastic or intrascholastic
135 extracurricular activity or the student is in a home education
136 program; and

137 2. The school at which the student will participate in the
138 interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity is
139 located in the school district in which the student resides.

140 (c) If no public or charter schools in the district in
141 which the student resides offer the interscholastic or
142 intrascholastic extracurricular activity, and an agreement
143 cannot be reached with a private school in the district in which
144 the student resides, the student may participate at a public,
145 charter, or private school that is appropriate for the student's
146 grade level located outside of his or her school district. The
147 school at which the student participates pursuant to this
148 paragraph must be in a school district adjacent to the school
149 district in which the student resides.

150 (d) If a student has exhausted all options outlined above
151 for participation in an interscholastic or intrascholastic
152 extracurricular activity, the student may petition the executive
153 director of the applicable governing organization to explore
154 options for participation at a school not otherwise covered by
155 this section.

156 (e) For purposes of this subsection, any participation by



157 an eligible student at a private school other than the school in
158 which the student is enrolled must be pursuant to an agreement
159 between the private school and the student at the public school
160 to which the student would be assigned according to district
161 school board attendance area policies or which the student could
162 choose to attend pursuant to s. 1002.31, or may develop an
163 agreement to participate at a private school, in the
164 interscholastic extracurricular activities of that school,
165 provided the following conditions are met:

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

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

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

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

184 e. The student must register with the school his or her
185 intent to participate in interscholastic extracurricular



186 activities as a representative of the school before
187 participation. A home education student must be able to
188 participate in curricular activities if that is a requirement
189 for an extracurricular activity.

190 f. A student who transfers from a home education program to
191 a public school before or during the first grading period of the
192 school year is academically eligible to participate in
193 interscholastic extracurricular activities during the first
194 grading period provided the student has a successful evaluation
195 from the previous school year, pursuant to sub-subparagraph b.

196 g. Any public school or private school student who has been
197 unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation in
198 interscholastic extracurricular activities is ineligible to
199 participate in such activities as a home education student until
200 the student has successfully completed one grading period in
201 home education pursuant to sub-subparagraph b. to become
202 eligible to participate as a home education student.

203 2. An individual home education student is eligible to
204 participate on an interscholastic athletic team at any public
205 school in the school district in which the student resides,
206 provided the student meets the conditions specified in sub-
207 subparagraphs 1.a.-g.

208 (d) An individual charter school student pursuant to s.
209 1002.33 is eligible to participate at the public school to which
210 the student would be assigned according to district school board
211 attendance area policies or which the student could attend, or
212 may develop an agreement to participate at a private school, in
213 any interscholastic extracurricular activity of that school,
214 unless such activity is provided by the student's charter



215 school, if the following conditions are met:

216 1. The charter school student must meet the requirements of

217 the charter school education program as determined by the

218 charter school governing board.

219 2. During the period of participation at a school, the

220 charter school student must demonstrate educational progress as

221 required in paragraph (b).

222 3. The charter school student must meet the same residency

223 requirements as other students in the school at which he or she

224 participates.

225 4. The charter school student must meet the same standards

226 of acceptance, behavior, and performance that are required of

227 other students in extracurricular activities.

228 5. The charter school student must register with the school

229 his or her intent to participate in interscholastic

230 extracurricular activities as a representative of the school

231 before participation. A charter school student must be able to

232 participate in curricular activities if that is a requirement

233 for an extracurricular activity.

234 6. A student who transfers from a charter school program to

235 a traditional public school before or during the first grading

236 period of the school year is academically eligible to

237 participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities during

238 the first grading period if the student has a successful

239 evaluation from the previous school year pursuant to

240 subparagraph 2.

241 7. Any public school or private school student who has been

242 unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation in

243 interscholastic extracurricular activities is ineligible to



244 participate in such activities as a charter school student until
245 the student has successfully completed one grading period in a
246 charter school pursuant to subparagraph 2. to become eligible to
247 participate as a charter school student.

248 (e) A student of the Florida Virtual School full-time
249 program may participate in any interscholastic extracurricular
250 activity at the public school to which the student would be
251 assigned according to district school board attendance area
252 policies or which the student could choose to attend pursuant to
253 s. 1002.31, or may develop an agreement to participate at a
254 private school, if the student:

255 1. During the period of participation in the
256 interscholastic extracurricular activity, meets the requirements
257 in paragraph (a).

258 2. Meets any additional requirements as determined by the
259 board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School.

260 3. Meets the same residency requirements as other students
261 in the school at which he or she participates.

262 4. Meets the same standards of acceptance, behavior, and
263 performance that are required of other students in
264 extracurricular activities.

265 5. Registers his or her intent to participate in
266 interscholastic extracurricular activities with the school
267 before participation. A Florida Virtual school student must be
268 able to participate in curricular activities if that is a
269 requirement for an extracurricular activity.

270 (f) A student who transfers from the Florida Virtual School
271 full-time program to a traditional public school before or
272 during the first grading period of the school year is



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273 academically eligible to participate in interscholastic
274 extracurricular activities during the first grading period if
275 the student has a successful evaluation from the previous school
276 year pursuant to paragraph (a).

277 (g) A public school or private school student who has been
278 unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation in
279 interscholastic extracurricular activities is ineligible to
280 participate in such activities as a Florida Virtual School
281 student until the student successfully completes one grading
282 period in the Florida Virtual School pursuant to paragraph (a).

283 (h) A student in a full-time virtual instruction program
284 under s. 1002.45, including the full-time Florida Virtual School
285 program, a full-time school district virtual instruction
286 program, or a full-time virtual charter school, is eligible to
287 participate on an interscholastic athletic team at any public
288 school in the school district in which the student resides, or
289 may develop an agreement to participate at a private school,
290 provided the student:

291 1. During the period of participation in the
292 interscholastic extracurricular activity, meets the requirements
293 in paragraph (a);

294 2. Meets any additional requirements as determined by the
295 board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School, the district
296 school board, or the governing board of the virtual charter
297 school, as applicable;

298 3. Meets the same residency requirements as other students
299 in the school at which he or she participates;

300 4. Meets the same standards of athletic team acceptance,
301 behavior, and performance which are required of other students



302 ~~in extracurricular activities; and~~

303 ~~5. Registers his or her intent to participate in~~

304 ~~interscholastic extracurricular activities with the school~~

305 ~~before participation.~~

306 ~~(i) An individual traditional public school student who is~~

307 ~~otherwise eligible to participate in interscholastic~~

308 ~~extracurricular activities may either participate in any such~~

309 ~~activity at any public school in the school district in which~~

310 ~~the student resides or develop an agreement to participate in~~

311 ~~such activity at a private school, unless the activity is~~

312 ~~provided by the student's traditional public school. Such~~

313 ~~student must:~~

314 ~~1. Meet the same standards of acceptance, behavior, and~~

315 ~~performance that are required of other students in~~

316 ~~extracurricular activities at the school at which the student~~

317 ~~wishes to participate.~~

318 ~~2. Before participation, register with the school his or~~

319 ~~her intent to participate in interscholastic extracurricular~~

320 ~~activities as a representative of the school. The student must~~

321 ~~be able to participate in curricular activities if that is a~~

322 ~~requirement for an extracurricular activity.~~

323 ~~(j) 1. A school district or charter school may not delay~~

324 ~~eligibility or otherwise prevent a student participating in~~

325 ~~controlled open enrollment, or a choice program, from being~~

326 ~~immediately eligible to participate in interscholastic and~~

327 ~~intrscholastic extracurricular activities.~~

328 ~~2. A student may not participate in a sport if the student~~

329 ~~participated in that same sport at another school during that~~

330 ~~school year, unless the student meets one of the following~~



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331 criteria:

332 a. ~~Dependent children of active duty military personnel~~
333 ~~whose move resulted from military orders.~~

334 b. ~~Children who have been relocated due to a foster care~~
335 ~~placement in a different school zone.~~

336 c. ~~Children who move due to a court-ordered change in~~
337 ~~custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or~~
338 ~~death of a custodial parent.~~

339 d. ~~Authorized for good cause in district or charter school~~
340 ~~policy.~~

341 (5)-(4) BEGINNING APPLICABILITY.—The student standards for
342 participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities must
343 be applied beginning with the student's first semester of the
344 9th grade. Each student must meet such other requirements for
345 participation as may be established by the district school
346 board; however, a district school board may not establish
347 requirements for participation in interscholastic
348 extracurricular activities which make participation in such
349 activities less accessible to home education students than to
350 other students. ~~Except as set forth in paragraph (3) (c),~~
351 ~~evaluation processes or requirements that are placed on home~~
352 ~~education student participants may not go beyond those that~~
353 ~~apply under s. 1002.41 to home education students generally.~~

354 (6)-(5) GOVERNING ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITIES.—All
355 ~~governing organizations~~ Any organization or entity that
356 ~~regulates or governs interscholastic extracurricular activities~~
357 ~~of public schools:~~

358 (a) Shall permit home education associations to join as
359 member schools.



360 (b) May Shall not discriminate against any eligible student
361 based on an educational choice of public, private, or home
362 education.

363 (7) (6) PROHIBITED MEMBERSHIPS.—Public schools are
364 prohibited from membership in any governing organization that or
365 ~~entity which regulates or governs interscholastic~~
366 ~~extracurricular activities~~ and discriminates against eligible
367 students in public, private, or home education.

368 (8) (7) INSURANCE.—Any insurance provided by district school
369 boards for participants in extracurricular activities must shall
370 cover any eligible student the participating home education
371 ~~student. If there is an additional premium for such coverage,~~
372 ~~the participating home education student shall pay the premium.~~

373 (8) (a) The Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA)
374 ~~shall, in cooperation with each district school board and its~~
375 ~~member private schools, facilitate a program in which a middle~~
376 ~~school or high school student who attends a private school is~~
377 ~~eligible to participate in an interscholastic or intrascholastic~~
378 ~~sport at a member public high school, a member public middle~~
379 ~~school, a member 6-12 public school, or a member private school,~~
380 ~~as appropriate for the private school student's grade level, if:~~

381 1. ~~The private school in which the student is enrolled is~~
382 ~~not a member of the FHSAA or the private school in which the~~
383 ~~student is enrolled is a member of the FHSAA and does not offer~~
384 ~~the sport in which the student wishes to participate.~~

385 2. ~~The private school student meets the guidelines for the~~
386 ~~conduct of the program established by the FHSAA's board of~~
387 ~~directors and the district school board or member private~~
388 ~~school. At a minimum, such guidelines must provide a deadline~~



389 for each sport by which the private school student's parents
390 must register with the member school in writing their intent for
391 their child to participate at that school in the sport.

392 (b) The parents of a private school student participating
393 in a member school sport under this subsection are responsible
394 for transporting their child to and from the member school at
395 which the student participates. The private school the student
396 attends, the member school at which the student participates in
397 a sport, the district school board, and the FHSAA are exempt
398 from civil liability arising from any injury that occurs to the
399 student during such transportation.

400 (c) For each academic year, a private school student may
401 only participate at the member school in which the student is
402 first registered under subparagraph (a)2. or makes himself or
403 herself a candidate for an athletic team by engaging in a
404 practice.

405 (9) SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES.

406 (a) (d) The athletic director or other appropriate
407 administrator of each participating FHSAA member school shall
408 maintain the student records necessary for eligibility,
409 compliance, and participation for all eligible students
410 participating in interscholastic or intrascholastic
411 extracurricular activities at the member school in the program.

412 (b) (e) Any private school that has a student who wishes to
413 participate in interscholastic or intrascholastic
414 extracurricular activities at another school this program must
415 make all student records, including, but not limited to,
416 academic, financial, disciplinary, and attendance records,
417 available upon request of the governing organization FHSAA.



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418 (c) The public school may assess an activity fee to a
419 student who is not enrolled but is eligible to participate
420 pursuant to this section, provided that such fee is uniformly
421 applied within the school or district for the activity and does
422 not exceed the prorated per-student cost to the school or
423 district for the activity.

424 1. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "prorated per-
425 student cost to the school or district for the activity" means
426 the school's or district's direct costs, including any increase
427 in insurance premiums, which are necessary to provide the
428 specific interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular
429 activity within the school or district, divided by the number of
430 students participating in that activity in the school or
431 district.

432 2. A district school board shall adopt a policy,
433 establishing the methodology for calculating such costs. The
434 policy must be adopted at a school board meeting, annually by
435 July 1, for the upcoming school year, and the activity fee
436 schedule and supporting calculations for each activity must be
437 published on the school district's website. The fee schedule
438 must be voted on by the district school board as an action item.
439 Once the fee schedule is approved, it must be submitted to the
440 Department of Education.

441 3. The public school at which a home education student
442 pursuant to s. 1002.41 wishes to participate may assess the
443 eligible home education student only the out-of-pocket costs
444 paid by public school students for the interscholastic or
445 intrascholastic extracurricular activity.

446 (d) The parents of the student participating in the



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447 interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity must
448 provide for the transportation of the student to and from the
449 school at which the student participates. The school in which
450 the student is enrolled, the school at which the student
451 participates in the extracurricular activity, and the district
452 school board are exempt from civil liability arising from any
453 injury that occurs to the student during such transportation.

454 (10) STUDENT TRANSFERS.—

455 (a) A student may not participate in interscholastic
456 activities at two different schools during the same school year,
457 unless the student:

458 1. Is a dependent child of active duty military personnel
459 whose move resulted from military orders;

460 2. Has been relocated due to a foster care placement in a
461 different school zone;

462 3. Has moved due to a court-ordered change in custody due
463 to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or death of a
464 custodial parent; or

465 4. Has been granted approval by the applicable governing
466 organization's executive director.

467 (b) The governing organization shall provide a
468 determination of eligibility to the requesting student within 14
469 days after such a request is made.

470 (c) The governing organization shall adopt bylaws
471 establishing criteria for determining eligibility of students
472 pursuant to this subsection and an appeals procedure equivalent
473 to the appeals procedure set forth in s. 1006.20.

474 (11) BYLAWS.—The governing organization may adopt
475 additional bylaws to implement this section



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476 (f) A student must apply to participate in this program
477 through the FHSAA program application process.

478 (9) (a) A student who transfers to a school during the
479 school year may seek to immediately join an existing team if the
480 roster for the specific interscholastic or intrascholastic
481 extracurricular activity has not reached the activity's
482 identified maximum size and if the coach for the activity
483 determines that the student has the requisite skill and ability
484 to participate. The FHSAA and school district or charter school
485 may not declare such a student ineligible because the student
486 did not have the opportunity to comply with qualifying
487 requirements.

488 (b) A student may not participate in a sport if the student
489 participated in that same sport at another school during that
490 school year, unless the student meets one of the following
491 criteria:

492 1. Dependent children of active duty military personnel
493 whose move resulted from military orders.

494 2. Children who have been relocated due to a foster care
495 placement in a different school zone.

496 3. Children who move due to a court-ordered change in
497 custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or
498 death of a custodial parent.

499 4. Authorized for good cause in district or charter school
500 policy.

501 (10) A student who participates in an interscholastic or
502 intrascholastic activity at a public school and who transfers
503 from that school during the school year must be allowed to
504 continue to participate in the activity at that school for the



505 remainder of the school year if:

506 (a) During the period of participation in the activity, the
507 student continues to meet the requirements specified in
508 paragraph (3)(a).

509 (b) The student continues to meet the same standards of
510 acceptance, behavior, and performance which are required of
511 other students participating in the activity, except for
512 enrollment requirements at the school at which the student
513 participates.

514 (c) The parents of the student participating in the
515 activity provide for the transportation of the student to and
516 from the school at which the student participates. The school
517 the student attends, the school at which the student
518 participates in the activity, and the district school board are
519 exempt from civil liability arising from any injury that occurs
520 to the student during such transportation.

521 Section 3. Subsection (6) of section 1002.31, Florida
522 Statutes, is amended to read:

523 1002.31 Controlled open enrollment; public school parental
524 choice.—

525 (6)(a) A school district or charter school may not delay
526 eligibility or otherwise prevent a student participating in
527 controlled open enrollment or a choice program from being
528 immediately eligible to participate in interscholastic and
529 intrascholastic extracurricular activities.

530 (b) A student may not participate in a sport if the student
531 participated in that same sport at another school during that
532 school year, unless the student meets one of the following
533 criteria:



534 1. ~~Dependent children of active duty military personnel~~
535 ~~whose move resulted from military orders.~~
536 2. ~~Children who have been relocated due to a foster care~~
537 ~~placement in a different school zone.~~
538 3. ~~Children who move due to a court-ordered change in~~
539 ~~custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or~~
540 ~~death of a custodial parent.~~
541 4. ~~Authorized for good cause in district or charter school~~
542 ~~policy.~~

543 Section 4. Subsection (11) of section 1002.33, Florida
544 Statutes, is amended to read:

545 1002.33 Charter schools.—

546 (11) PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC EXTRACURRICULAR
547 ACTIVITIES.—A charter school student is eligible to participate
548 in an interscholastic extracurricular activity ~~at the public~~
549 ~~school to which the student would be otherwise assigned to~~
550 ~~attend, or may develop an agreement to participate at a private~~
551 ~~school, pursuant to s. 1006.15(4) s. 1006.15(3)(d).~~

552 Section 5. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of
553 section 1006.195, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

554 1006.195 District school board, charter school authority
555 and responsibility to establish student eligibility regarding
556 participation in interscholastic and intrascholastic
557 extracurricular activities.—Notwithstanding any provision to the
558 contrary in ss. 1006.15, 1006.18, and 1006.20, regarding student
559 eligibility to participate in interscholastic and
560 intrascholastic extracurricular activities:

561 (1) (a) A district school board shall ~~must~~ establish,
562 through its code of student conduct, student eligibility



563 standards and related student disciplinary actions regarding
564 student participation in interscholastic and intrascholastic
565 extracurricular activities. The code of student conduct must
566 provide that:

567 1. A student not currently suspended from interscholastic
568 or intrascholastic extracurricular activities, or suspended or
569 expelled from school, pursuant to a district school board's
570 suspension or expulsion powers provided in law, including ss.
571 1006.07, 1006.08, and 1006.09, is eligible to participate in
572 interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular activities.

573 2. A student may not participate in a sport if the student
574 participated in that same sport at another school during that
575 school year, unless the student meets the criteria in s.
576 1006.15(10) s. 1006.15(3)(j).

577 3. A student's eligibility to participate in any
578 interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity may
579 not be affected by any alleged recruiting violation until final
580 disposition of the allegation pursuant to s. 1006.20(2) (b).

581 (b) Students who participate in interscholastic and
582 intrascholastic extracurricular activities for, but are not
583 enrolled in, a public school pursuant to s. 1006.15(4) s.
584 ~~1006.15(3)(e) (e) and (8)~~, are subject to the district school
585 board's code of student conduct for the limited purpose of
586 establishing and maintaining the student's eligibility to
587 participate at the school.

588 Section 6. Paragraph (h) of subsection (7) of section
589 1006.20, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (o) is
590 added to subsection (2) and paragraph (i) is added to subsection
591 (7) of that section, to read:



592 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—
593 (2) ADOPTION OF BYLAWS, POLICIES, OR GUIDELINES.—
594 (o) The FHSAA shall adopt, maintain, and enforce sport-
595 specific manuals or handbooks that govern interscholastic
596 competition. The manuals or handbooks may include, but are not
597 limited to, timing, scoring, equipment, officiating, and athlete
598 safety. The FHSAA must ensure that athletes may request
599 exemptions or accommodations from real-time scoring requirements
600 not later than 72 hours before a sanctioned event. If a request
601 is made within the prescribed time, the FHSAA must provide
602 access to accommodations for such participants.

603 (7) APPEALS.—
604 (h) Decisions made by the committee on appeals, the
605 executive director or his or her designee, and a governing
606 organization's ~~the FHSAA~~ board of directors must be posted
607 online in a searchable format and be in compliance with ss.
608 1002.22 and 1002.221.

609 (i) A student denied eligibility may appeal the decision
610 from the governing organization. The governing organization
611 shall adopt bylaws establishing a timeline for appeals which may
612 not exceed 20 days.

613 Section 7. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (3) of
614 section 1012.01, Florida Statutes, to read:

615 1012.01 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the following
616 terms have the following meanings:

617 (3) ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL.—“Administrative personnel”
618 includes K-12 personnel who perform management activities such
619 as developing broad policies for the school district and
620 executing those policies through the direction of personnel at



621 all levels within the district. Administrative personnel are
622 generally high-level, responsible personnel who have been
623 assigned the responsibilities of systemwide or schoolwide
624 functions, such as district school superintendents, assistant
625 superintendents, deputy superintendents, school principals,
626 assistant principals, career center directors, and others who
627 perform management activities. Broad classifications of K-12
628 administrative personnel are as follows:

629 (d) Athletic administrators and activity sponsor directors
630 of extracurricular activities.—Included in this classification
631 is any athletic director or coach or the director of an activity
632 sponsor specified by the district school superintendent. The
633 district school superintendent may negotiate individual
634 compensation in excess of compensation otherwise awardable
635 pursuant to s. 1012.22. Such compensation may not exceed the
636 compensation of the highest paid administrator in the district.

637 Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

638 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====
639 And the title is amended as follows:

640 Delete everything before the enacting clause
641 and insert:

642 A bill to be entitled
643 An act relating to extracurricular activities;
644 amending s. 1001.43, F.S.; authorizing district school
645 boards to adopt policies for the use of certain funds
646 to provide funding to athletic coaches or activity
647 sponsors of extracurricular activities; prohibiting
648 such funds from being used as severance pay or



650 compensation; amending s. 1006.15, F.S.; making
651 technical changes; defining terms; revising the
652 definition of the term "eligible to participate";
653 revising eligibility requirements for a student to
654 participate in an interscholastic or intrascholastic
655 extracurricular activity; providing construction;
656 deleting obsolete provisions; requiring that insurance
657 provided by district school boards for participants in
658 extracurricular activities cover any eligible student;
659 deleting requirements for the Florida High School
660 Athletic Association (FHSAA) to facilitate a program
661 for private school students to participate in an
662 interscholastic or intrascholastic sport; requiring
663 the athletic director or other appropriate
664 administrator to maintain student records for all
665 eligible students participating in interscholastic or
666 intrascholastic extracurricular activities at a member
667 school; revising requirements for a student to apply
668 to participate in an interscholastic or
669 intrascholastic extracurricular activity at certain
670 schools; authorizing a public school to assess an
671 activity fee for certain students; defining the term
672 "prorated per-student cost to the school or district
673 for the activity"; requiring district school boards to
674 adopt a policy for calculating specified costs;
675 requiring that the activity fee schedule and
676 supporting calculations be published on the school
677 district website; providing a limitation on a
678 specified fee assessed by a public school; requiring



679 parents to provide for the transportation to and from
680 the school for their student; providing indemnity for
681 a school and district school board under specified
682 circumstances; prohibiting a student from
683 participating in interscholastic or intrascholastic
684 extracurricular activities at two different schools
685 within the same school year unless the student meets
686 specified criteria; requiring the governing
687 organization to provide a certain determination of
688 eligibility within a specified timeframe; requiring
689 the governing organization to adopt specified bylaws;
690 authorizing the governing organization to adopt
691 additional bylaws; deleting provisions providing
692 requirements for certain student transfers; amending
693 s. 1002.31, F.S.; deleting obsolete language; amending
694 s. 1002.33, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference and
695 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.
696 1006.195, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending
697 s. 1006.20, F.S.; requiring the FHSAA to adopt,
698 maintain, and enforce specified manuals or handbooks;
699 requiring the FHSAA to ensure that athletes may
700 request certain exemptions or accommodations;
701 requiring the FHSAA to provide accommodations under
702 certain circumstances; authorizing a student who is
703 denied certain eligibility to appeal a decision made
704 by the governing organization; requiring the governing
705 organization to adopt bylaws to establish a timeline
706 for an appeals process; providing a limitation on such
707 timelines; amending s. 1012.01, F.S.; including



708 athletic administrators in the broad classification of
709 K-12 administrative personnel; authorizing district
710 school superintendents to negotiate specified
711 compensation; providing requirements for such
712 compensation; providing an effective date.