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

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 1006.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
read:

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

(1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Craig



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Dickinson Act."

(2) DETERMINATION.—Interscholastic extracurricular student activities are an important complement to the academic curriculum. Participation in a comprehensive extracurricular and academic program contributes to student development of the social and intellectual skills necessary to become a well-rounded adult. As used in this section, the term "extracurricular" means any school-authorized or education-related activity occurring during or outside the regular instructional school day. In the determination of whether a school offers an activity or a sport, the activity or sport must meet the designation requirements of s. 1006.205(3)(a).

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

(a) "Eligible student" means a home education student, charter school student, private school student, Florida Virtual School student, alternative school student, or traditional public school student who wishes to participate in an interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity.

(b) 1. "Eligible to participate" includes, but is not limited to, a student participating in all of the following:

- a. Tryouts.τ
- b. Off-season conditioning.τ
- c. Summer workouts.τ
- d. Preseason conditioning.τ
- e. In-season practice.τ
- f. ~~or~~ Contests.

2. The term does not mean that a student must be placed on any specific team for interscholastic or intrascholastic



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extracurricular activities. To be eligible to participate in interscholastic extracurricular student activities, a student must:

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

b.2. Execute and fulfill the requirements of an academic performance contract between the student, the district school board, the appropriate governing association, and the student's parents, if the student's cumulative grade point average falls below 2.0, or its equivalent, on a 4.0 scale in the courses required by s. 1002.3105(5) or s. 1003.4282. At a minimum, the contract must require that the student attend summer school, or its graded equivalent, between grades 9 and 10 or grades 10 and 11, as necessary.

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

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



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

75        (c) "Extracurricular" means any school-authorized or  
76 education-related activity occurring during or outside the  
77 regular instructional school day.

78        (d) "Governing organization" means any organization that  
79 governs the athletic activities of a school, including, but not  
80 limited to, the Florida High School Athletic Association.

81        (4) ELIGIBILITY.—

82        (a)~~(c)~~1. A ~~An individual home education~~ student is eligible  
83 to participate in an interscholastic or intrascholastic  
84 extracurricular activity at the school in which he or she is  
85 enrolled.

86        (b) An eligible student may participate in an  
87 interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity at a  
88 school other than the school in which the student is enrolled  
89 if:

90        1. The school in which the student is enrolled does not  
91 offer the same interscholastic or intrascholastic  
92 extracurricular activity or the student is in a home education  
93 program; and

94        2. The school at which the student will participate in the  
95 interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity is  
96 located in the school district in which the student resides.

97        (c) If no public or charter schools in the district in



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which the student resides offer the interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity, and an agreement cannot be reached with a private school in the district in which the student resides, the student may participate at a public, charter, or private school that is appropriate for the student's grade level located outside of his or her school district. The school at which the student participates pursuant to this paragraph must be in a school district adjacent to the school district in which the student resides.

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

(e) For purposes of this subsection, any participation by an eligible student at a private school other than the school in which the student is enrolled must be pursuant to an agreement between the private school and the student ~~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 private school, in the interscholastic extracurricular activities of that school, provided the following conditions are met:~~

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

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



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~~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.~~

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

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

~~e. 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 for an extracurricular activity.~~

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

~~g. Any public school or private school student who has been unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities is ineligible to~~



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~~participate in such activities as a home education student until the student has successfully completed one grading period in home education pursuant to sub-subparagraph b. 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 sub-subparagraphs 1.a.-g.~~

~~(d) An individual charter school student pursuant to s. 1002.33 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 attend, or may develop an agreement to participate at a private school, in any interscholastic extracurricular activity of that school, unless such activity is provided by the student's charter school, if the following conditions are met:~~

~~1. The charter school student must meet the requirements of the charter school education program as determined by the charter school governing board.~~

~~2. During the period of participation at a school, the charter school student must demonstrate educational progress as required in paragraph (b).~~

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

~~4. The charter school student must meet the same standards of acceptance, behavior, and performance that are required of other students in extracurricular activities.~~



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~~5. The charter school 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 charter school student must be able to participate in curricular activities if that is a requirement for an extracurricular activity.~~

~~6. A student who transfers from a charter school program to a traditional public school before or during the first grading period of the school year is academically eligible to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities during the first grading period if the student has a successful evaluation from the previous school year pursuant to subparagraph 2.~~

~~7. Any public school or private school student who has been unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities is ineligible to participate in such activities as a charter school student until the student has successfully completed one grading period in a charter school pursuant to subparagraph 2. to become eligible to participate as a charter school student.~~

~~(c) A student of the Florida Virtual School full-time program may participate in any interscholastic extracurricular activity 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 private school, if the student:~~

~~1. During the period of participation in the interscholastic extracurricular activity, meets the requirements~~



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~~in paragraph (a).~~

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

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

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

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

~~(f) A student who transfers from the Florida Virtual School full-time program to a traditional public school before or during the first grading period of the school year is academically eligible to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities during the first grading period if the student has a successful evaluation from the previous school year pursuant to paragraph (a).~~

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

~~(h) A student in a full-time virtual instruction program under s. 1002.45, including the full-time Florida Virtual School program, a full-time school district virtual instruction~~



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~~program, or a full-time virtual charter school, is eligible to participate on an interscholastic athletic team at any public school in the school district in which the student resides, or may develop an agreement to participate at a private school, provided the student:~~

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

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

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

~~4. Meets the same standards of athletic team acceptance, behavior, and performance which are required of other students in extracurricular activities; and~~

~~5. Registers his or her intent to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities with the school before participation.~~

~~(i) An individual traditional public school student who is otherwise eligible to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities may either participate in any such activity at any public school in the school district in which the student resides or develop an agreement to participate in such activity at a private school, unless the activity is provided by the student's traditional public school. Such student must:~~

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



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~~performance that are required of other students in  
extracurricular activities at the school at which the student  
wishes to participate.~~

~~2. Before participation, register with the school his or  
her intent to participate in interscholastic extracurricular  
activities as a representative of the school. The student must  
be able to participate in curricular activities if that is a  
requirement for an extracurricular activity.~~

~~(j)1. A school district or charter school may not delay  
eligibility or otherwise prevent a student participating in  
controlled open enrollment, or a choice program, from being  
immediately eligible to participate in interscholastic and  
intrascholastic extracurricular activities.~~

~~2. A student may not participate in a sport if the student  
participated in that same sport at another school during that  
school year, unless the student meets one of the following  
criteria:~~

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

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

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

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

~~(5)(4) BEGINNING APPLICABILITY.—The student standards for  
participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities must  
be applied beginning with the student's first semester of the~~



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9th grade. Each student must meet such other requirements for participation as may be established by the district school board; however, a district school board may not establish requirements for participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities which make participation in such activities less accessible to home education students than to other students. ~~Except as set forth in paragraph (3)(c), evaluation processes or requirements that are placed on home education student participants may not go beyond those that apply under s. 1002.41 to home education students generally.~~

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

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

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

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

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



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~~(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 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.~~

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

~~(c) For each academic year, a private school student may only participate at the member school in which the student is~~



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~~first registered under subparagraph (a)2. or makes himself or herself a candidate for an athletic team by engaging in a practice.~~

(9) SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES.-

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

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

(c)(f) A student must apply to participate in an interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity at a school other than the school in which the student is enrolled by either of the following methods:

1. Applying to the school's governing organization for the extracurricular activity as provided for in the governing organization's bylaws this program through the FHSAA program application process.

2. If there is no governing organization for the extracurricular activity for which the student is applying, through an appropriate process that complies with ss. 1002.31 and 1002.41. The State Board of Education may adopt rules to implement this paragraph.



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(d) The school in which a student wishes to participate in interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activities may not impose additional fees or costs for participation outside of the fees or costs students currently enrolled at the school pay to participate in the extracurricular activity.

(e) The parents of the student participating in the interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity must provide for the transportation of the student to and from the school at which the student participates. The school in which the student is enrolled, the school at which the student participates in the extracurricular activity, and the district school board are exempt from civil liability arising from any injury that occurs to the student during such transportation.

(10) STUDENT TRANSFERS.—

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

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

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

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

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

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



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(c) The governing organization shall adopt bylaws establishing criteria for determining eligibility of students pursuant to this subsection.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~(10) A student who participates in an interscholastic or~~



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~~intrасchoolastic activity at a public school and who transfers from that school during the school year must be allowed to continue to participate in the activity at that school for the remainder of the school year if:~~

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

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

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

Section 2. Subsection (11) of section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.33 Charter schools.—

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

Section 3. Subsection (7) is added to section 1003.455,



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Florida Statutes, to read:

1003.455 Physical education; assessment.—

(7) Each school district shall ensure that students in grades K-12 annually participate in the Presidential Youth Fitness Program, or its successor program, as part of the district's physical education curriculum.

Section 4. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of section 1006.195, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

(1)(a) A district school board shall ~~must~~ establish, through its code of student conduct, student eligibility standards and related student disciplinary actions regarding student participation in interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular activities. The code of student conduct must provide that:

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

2. A student may not participate in a sport if the student participated in that same sport at another school during that



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school year, unless the student meets the criteria in s.  
1006.15(10) ~~s. 1006.15(3)(j)~~.

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

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

Section 5. Paragraph (h) of subsection (7) of section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (i) is added to that subsection, to read:

1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

(7) APPEALS.—

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

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

Section 6. Paragraph (k) is added to subsection (1) of section 1012.22, Florida Statutes, to read:



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1012.22 Public school personnel; powers and duties of the district school board.—The district school board shall:

(1) Designate positions to be filled, prescribe qualifications for those positions, and provide for the appointment, compensation, promotion, suspension, and dismissal of employees as follows, subject to the requirements of this chapter:

(k) Athletic coach compensation.—The district school board may, at its sole discretion, determine and approve the compensation of any person employed as an athletic coach, assistant coach, or athletic program supervisor, regardless of whether such individual is classified as instructional personnel. Compensation may exceed any salary schedule, supplement, or stipend otherwise prescribed and may be paid in any form or amount deemed appropriate by the district school board, including, but not limited to, salaries, stipends, bonuses, performance-based incentives, and hourly or per-assignment pay. Such compensation is considered part of the coach's total compensation. The limitations on supplemental pay applicable to instructional personnel under this section or any other law do not apply to compensation provided under this paragraph.

Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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

Delete everything before the enacting clause  
and insert:

A bill to be entitled



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An act relating to extracurricular activities;  
amending s. 1006.15, F.S.; making technical changes;  
defining terms; revising eligibility requirements for  
a student to participate in an interscholastic or  
intrascholastic extracurricular activity; providing  
construction; deleting obsolete provisions; requiring  
that insurance provided by district school boards for  
participants in extracurricular activities cover any  
eligible student; deleting requirements for the  
Florida High School Athletic Association to facilitate  
a program for private school students to participate  
in an interscholastic or intrascholastic sport;  
requiring the athletic director or other appropriate  
administrator to maintain student records for all  
eligible students participating in interscholastic or  
intrascholastic extracurricular activities at a member  
school; revising requirements for a student to apply  
to participate in an interscholastic or  
intrascholastic extracurricular activity at certain  
schools; prohibiting a school from imposing additional  
fees on a student who wishes to participate in  
extracurricular activities; requiring parents to  
provide for the transportation to and from the school  
for their student; providing indemnity for a school  
and district school board under specified  
circumstances; prohibiting a student from  
participating in interscholastic or intrascholastic  
extracurricular activities at two different schools  
within the same school year unless the student meets



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specified criteria; requiring the governing organization to provide a certain determination of eligibility within a specified timeframe; requiring the governing organization to adopt specified bylaws; authorizing the governing organization to adopt additional bylaws; deleting provisions providing requirements for certain student transfers; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 1003.455, F.S.; requiring each school district to ensure that students participate in the Presidential Youth Fitness Program; amending s. 1006.195, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 1006.20, F.S.; authorizing a student who is denied certain eligibility to appeal a decision made by the governing organization; requiring the governing organization to adopt bylaws to establish a timeline for an appeals process; providing a limitation on such timelines; amending s. 1012.22, F.S.; authorizing a district school board to determine and approve the compensation of an athletic coach; providing that the compensation may exceed any prescribed salary schedule, supplement, or stipend and be paid in any form or amount deemed appropriate by the school board; providing that such compensation is considered part of the athletic coach's total compensation; providing that limitations on supplemental pay are not applicable to the compensation of an athletic coach; providing an effective date.