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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to extracurricular activities; amending s. 1001.43, F.S.; authorizing district school boards to adopt policies for the use of certain funds to provide funding to athletic coaches or activity sponsors of extracurricular activities; prohibiting such funds from being used as severance pay or compensation; amending s. 1006.15, F.S.; making technical changes; defining terms; revising the definition of the term "eligible to participate"; 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 (FHSAA) 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; authorizing a public school to assess an activity fee for certain students; defining the term

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30 "prorated per-student cost to the school or district  
31 for the activity"; requiring district school boards to  
32 adopt a policy for calculating specified costs;  
33 requiring that the activity fee schedule and  
34 supporting calculations be published on the school  
35 district website; providing a limitation on a  
36 specified fee assessed by a public school; requiring  
37 parents to provide for the transportation to and from  
38 the school for their student; providing indemnity for  
39 a school and district school board under specified  
40 circumstances; prohibiting a student from  
41 participating in interscholastic or intrascholastic  
42 extracurricular activities at two different schools  
43 within the same school year unless the student meets  
44 specified criteria; requiring the governing  
45 organization to provide a certain determination of  
46 eligibility within a specified timeframe; requiring  
47 the governing organization to adopt specified bylaws;  
48 authorizing the governing organization to adopt  
49 additional bylaws; deleting provisions providing  
50 requirements for certain student transfers; amending  
51 s. 1002.31, F.S.; deleting obsolete language; amending  
52 s. 1002.33, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference and  
53 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.  
54 1006.195, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending  
55 s. 1006.20, F.S.; requiring the FHSAA to adopt,  
56 maintain, and enforce specified manuals or handbooks;  
57 requiring the FHSAA to ensure that athletes may  
58 request certain exemptions or accommodations;

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59       requiring the FHSAA to provide accommodations under  
60       certain circumstances; authorizing a student who is  
61       denied certain eligibility to appeal a decision made  
62       by the governing organization; requiring the governing  
63       organization to adopt bylaws to establish a timeline  
64       for an appeals process; providing a limitation on such  
65       timelines; amending s. 1012.01, F.S.; including  
66       athletic administrators in the broad classification of  
67       K-12 administrative personnel; authorizing district  
68       school superintendents to negotiate specified  
69       compensation; providing requirements for such  
70       compensation; providing an effective date.

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

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

76       1001.43 Supplemental powers and duties of district school  
77       board.—The district school board may exercise the following  
78       supplemental powers and duties as authorized by this code or  
79       State Board of Education rule.

80       (2) FISCAL MANAGEMENT.—The district school board may adopt  
81       policies providing for fiscal management of the school district  
82       with respect to school purchasing, facilities, nonstate revenue  
83       sources, budgeting, fundraising, and other activities relating  
84       to the fiscal management of district resources, including, but  
85       not limited to, the policies governing:

86       (i) Use of voluntary donations and revenues generated by  
87       authorized booster clubs or associations to provide funds to

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88 athletic coaches or activity sponsors of an extracurricular  
89 activity supported by the booster club or association. Any  
90 policy authorizing payment by booster clubs or associations must  
91 comply with state and federal law and may not control the  
92 provision of funds except that such funds may not be used for  
93 severance pay or for compensation as defined in s. 1012.22.

94       Section 2. Section 1006.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
95 read:

96       1006.15 Student standards for participation in  
97 interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular student  
98 activities; regulation.—

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

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

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

114       (a) "Eligible student" means a home education student,  
115 charter school student, private school student, Florida Virtual  
116 School student, alternative school student, or traditional

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117 public school student who wishes to participate in an  
118 interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity.

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

- 121       a. Tryouts.~~r~~
- 122       b. Off-season conditioning.~~r~~
- 123       c. Summer workouts.~~r~~
- 124       d. Preseason conditioning.~~r~~
- 125       e. In-season practice.~~r~~
- 126       f. ~~or~~ Contests.

127       2. The term does not mean that a student must be placed on  
128 any specific team for interscholastic or intrascholastic  
129 extracurricular activities. To be eligible to participate in  
130 interscholastic extracurricular student activities, a student  
131 must:

132       a.1. Maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a  
133 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the previous semester or a  
134 cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale,  
135 or its equivalent, in the courses required by s. 1002.3105(5) or  
136 s. 1003.4282.

137       b.2. Execute and fulfill the requirements of an academic  
138 performance contract between the student, the district school  
139 board, the appropriate governing association, and the student's  
140 parents, if the student's cumulative grade point average falls  
141 below 2.0, or its equivalent, on a 4.0 scale in the courses  
142 required by s. 1002.3105(5) or s. 1003.4282. At a minimum, the  
143 contract must require that the student attend summer school, or  
144 its graded equivalent, between grades 9 and 10 or grades 10 and  
145 11, as necessary.

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146        c.3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above  
147        on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent, in the courses required by s.  
148        1002.3105(5) or s. 1003.4282 during his or her junior or senior  
149        year.

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

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

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

166        a. During the period of participation at a school, the home  
167        education student must demonstrate educational progress as  
168        required in subparagraph 3. in all subjects taken in the home  
169        education program by a method of evaluation agreed upon by the  
170        parent and the school principal, which evaluation may include  
171        review of the student's work by a certified teacher chosen by  
172        the parent; grades earned through correspondence; grades earned  
173        in courses taken at a Florida College System institution, state  
174        university, or district career center; standardized test scores

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175 above the 35th percentile; or any other method designated in s.  
176 1002.41.

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

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

186 (c) "Extracurricular" means any school-authorized or  
187 education-related activity occurring during or outside the  
188 regular instructional school day.

189 (d) "Governing organization" means any organization that  
190 governs the interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular  
191 activity of a school, including, but not limited to, the Florida  
192 High School Athletic Association.

193 (4) ELIGIBILITY.—

194 (a) (e)1. A An individual home education student is eligible  
195 to participate in an interscholastic or intrascholastic  
196 extracurricular activity at the school in which he or she is  
197 enrolled.

198 (b) An eligible student may participate in an  
199 interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity at a  
200 school other than the school in which the student is enrolled  
201 if:

202 1. The school in which the student is enrolled does not  
203 offer the same interscholastic or intrascholastic

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204 extracurricular activity or the student is in a home education  
205 program; and

206 2. The school at which the student will participate in the  
207 interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity is  
208 located in the school district in which the student resides.

209 (c) If no public or charter schools in the district in  
210 which the student resides offer the interscholastic or  
211 intrascholastic extracurricular activity, and an agreement  
212 cannot be reached with a private school in the district in which  
213 the student resides, the student may participate at a public,  
214 charter, or private school that is appropriate for the student's  
215 grade level located outside of his or her school district. The  
216 school at which the student participates pursuant to this  
217 paragraph must be in a school district adjacent to the school  
218 district in which the student resides.

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

225 (e) For purposes of this subsection, any participation by  
226 an eligible student at a private school other than the school in  
227 which the student is enrolled must be pursuant to an agreement  
228 between the private school and the student at the public school  
229 to which the student would be assigned according to district  
230 school board attendance area policies or which the student could  
231 choose to attend pursuant to s. 1002.31, or may develop an  
232 agreement to participate at a private school, in the

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233 ~~interscholastic extracurricular activities of that school,~~  
234 ~~provided the following conditions are met:~~

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

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

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

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

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

259 f. ~~A student who transfers from a home education program to~~  
260 ~~a public school before or during the first grading period of the~~  
261 ~~school year is academically eligible to participate in~~

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262 interscholastic extracurricular activities during the first  
263 grading period provided the student has a successful evaluation  
264 from the previous school year, pursuant to sub-subparagraph b.

265 g. Any public school or private school student who has been  
266 unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation in  
267 interscholastic extracurricular activities is ineligible to  
268 participate in such activities as a home education student until  
269 the student has successfully completed one grading period in  
270 home education pursuant to sub-subparagraph b. to become  
271 eligible to participate as a home education student.

272 2. An individual home education student is eligible to  
273 participate on an interscholastic athletic team at any public  
274 school in the school district in which the student resides,  
275 provided the student meets the conditions specified in sub-  
276 subparagraphs 1.a.-g.

277 (d) An individual charter school student pursuant to s.  
278 1002.33 is eligible to participate at the public school to which  
279 the student would be assigned according to district school board  
280 attendance area policies or which the student could attend, or  
281 may develop an agreement to participate at a private school, in  
282 any interscholastic extracurricular activity of that school,  
283 unless such activity is provided by the student's charter  
284 school, if the following conditions are met:

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

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

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

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

297       5. The charter school student must register with the school  
298       his or her intent to participate in interscholastic  
299       extracurricular activities as a representative of the school  
300       before participation. A charter school student must be able to  
301       participate in curricular activities if that is a requirement  
302       for an extracurricular activity.

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

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

317       (e) A student of the Florida Virtual School full-time  
318       program may participate in any interscholastic extracurricular  
319       activity at the public school to which the student would be

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320 assigned according to district school board attendance area  
321 policies or which the student could choose to attend pursuant to  
322 s. 1002.31, or may develop an agreement to participate at a  
323 private school, if the student:

324 1. During the period of participation in the  
325 interscholastic extracurricular activity, meets the requirements  
326 in paragraph (a).

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

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

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

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

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

346 (g) A public school or private school student who has been  
347 unable to maintain academic eligibility for participation in  
348 interscholastic extracurricular activities is ineligible to

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349 participate in such activities as a Florida Virtual School  
350 student until the student successfully completes one grading  
351 period in the Florida Virtual School pursuant to paragraph (a).

352 (h) A student in a full-time virtual instruction program  
353 under s. 1002.45, including the full-time Florida Virtual School  
354 program, a full-time school district virtual instruction  
355 program, or a full-time virtual charter school, is eligible to  
356 participate on an interscholastic athletic team at any public  
357 school in the school district in which the student resides, or  
358 may develop an agreement to participate at a private school,  
359 provided the student:

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

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

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

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

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

375 (i) An individual traditional public school student who is  
376 otherwise eligible to participate in interscholastic  
377 extracurricular activities may either participate in any such

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378 ~~activity at any public school in the school district in which~~  
379 ~~the student resides or develop an agreement to participate in~~  
380 ~~such activity at a private school, unless the activity is~~  
381 ~~provided by the student's traditional public school. Such~~  
382 ~~student must:~~

383 ~~1. Meet the same standards of acceptance, behavior, and~~  
384 ~~performance that are required of other students in~~  
385 ~~extracurricular activities at the school at which the student~~  
386 ~~wishes to participate.~~

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

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

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

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

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

405 ~~c. Children who move due to a court-ordered change in~~  
406 ~~custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or~~

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407 ~~death of a custodial parent.~~408 ~~d. Authorized for good cause in district or charter school~~  
409 ~~policy.~~410 ~~(5)-(4) BEGINNING APPLICABILITY.—The student standards for~~  
411 ~~participation in interscholastic extracurricular activities must~~  
412 ~~be applied beginning with the student's first semester of the~~  
413 ~~9th grade. Each student must meet such other requirements for~~  
414 ~~participation as may be established by the district school~~  
415 ~~board; however, a district school board may not establish~~  
416 ~~requirements for participation in interscholastic~~  
417 ~~extracurricular activities which make participation in such~~  
418 ~~activities less accessible to home education students than to~~  
419 ~~other students. Except as set forth in paragraph (3)(c),~~  
420 ~~evaluation processes or requirements that are placed on home~~  
421 ~~education student participants may not go beyond those that~~  
422 ~~apply under s. 1002.41 to home education students generally.~~423 ~~(6)-(5) GOVERNING ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITIES.—All~~  
424 ~~governing organizations Any organization or entity that~~  
425 ~~regulates or governs interscholastic extracurricular activities~~  
426 ~~of public schools:~~427 (a) Shall permit home education associations to join as  
428 member schools.429 (b) ~~May~~ Shall not discriminate against any eligible student  
430 based on an educational choice of public, private, or home  
431 education.432 ~~(7)-(6) PROHIBITED MEMBERSHIPS.—Public schools are~~  
433 ~~prohibited from membership in any governing organization that or~~  
434 ~~entity which regulates or governs interscholastic~~  
435 ~~extracurricular activities and discriminates against eligible~~

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436 students in public, private, or home education.

437 (8) (7) INSURANCE.—Any insurance provided by district school  
438 boards for participants in extracurricular activities must shall  
439 cover any eligible student the participating home education  
440 student. If there is an additional premium for such coverage,  
441 the participating home education student shall pay the premium.

442 (8) (a) The Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA)  
443 shall, in cooperation with each district school board and its  
444 member private schools, facilitate a program in which a middle  
445 school or high school student who attends a private school is  
446 eligible to participate in an interscholastic or intrascholastic  
447 sport at a member public high school, a member public middle  
448 school, a member 6-12 public school, or a member private school,  
449 as appropriate for the private school student's grade level, if:

450 1. The private school in which the student is enrolled is  
451 not a member of the FHSAA or the private school in which the  
452 student is enrolled is a member of the FHSAA and does not offer  
453 the sport in which the student wishes to participate.

454 2. The private school student meets the guidelines for the  
455 conduct of the program established by the FHSAA's board of  
456 directors and the district school board or member private  
457 school. At a minimum, such guidelines must provide a deadline  
458 for each sport by which the private school student's parents  
459 must register with the member school in writing their intent for  
460 their child to participate at that school in the sport.

461 (b) The parents of a private school student participating  
462 in a member school sport under this subsection are responsible  
463 for transporting their child to and from the member school at  
464 which the student participates. The private school the student

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465 ~~attends, the member school at which the student participates in~~  
466 ~~a sport, the district school board, and the FHSAA are exempt~~  
467 ~~from civil liability arising from any injury that occurs to the~~  
468 ~~student during such transportation.~~

469 ~~(e) For each academic year, a private school student may~~  
470 ~~only participate at the member school in which the student is~~  
471 ~~first registered under subparagraph (a)2. or makes himself or~~  
472 ~~herself a candidate for an athletic team by engaging in a~~  
473 ~~practice.~~

474 (9) SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES.-

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

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

487 (c) The public school may assess an activity fee to a  
488 student who is not enrolled but is eligible to participate  
489 pursuant to this section, provided that such fee is uniformly  
490 applied within the school or district for the activity and does  
491 not exceed the prorated per-student cost to the school or  
492 district for the activity.

493 1. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "prorated per-

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494 student cost to the school or district for the activity" means  
495 the school's or district's direct costs, including any increase  
496 in insurance premiums, which are necessary to provide the  
497 specific interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular  
498 activity within the school or district, divided by the number of  
499 students participating in that activity in the school or  
500 district.

501 2. A district school board shall adopt a policy,  
502 establishing the methodology for calculating such costs. The  
503 policy must be adopted at a school board meeting, annually by  
504 July 1, for the upcoming school year, and the activity fee  
505 schedule and supporting calculations for each activity must be  
506 published on the school district's website. The fee schedule  
507 must be voted on by the district school board as an action item.  
508 Once the fee schedule is approved, it must be submitted to the  
509 Department of Education.

510 3. The public school at which a home education student  
511 pursuant to s. 1002.41 wishes to participate may assess the  
512 eligible home education student only the out-of-pocket costs  
513 paid by public school students for the interscholastic or  
514 intrascholastic extracurricular activity.

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

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523        (10) STUDENT TRANSFERS.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

545        ~~(f) A student must apply to participate in this program~~  
546 ~~through the FHSAA program application process.~~

547        ~~(9) (a) A student who transfers to a school during the~~  
548 ~~school year may seek to immediately join an existing team if the~~  
549 ~~roster for the specific interscholastic or intrascholastic~~  
550 ~~extracurricular activity has not reached the activity's~~  
551 ~~identified maximum size and if the coach for the activity~~

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552 ~~determines that the student has the requisite skill and ability~~  
553 ~~to participate. The FHSAA and school district or charter school~~  
554 ~~may not declare such a student ineligible because the student~~  
555 ~~did not have the opportunity to comply with qualifying~~  
556 ~~requirements.~~

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

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

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

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

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

570 ~~(10) A student who participates in an interscholastic or~~  
571 ~~intrascholastic activity at a public school and who transfers~~  
572 ~~from that school during the school year must be allowed to~~  
573 ~~continue to participate in the activity at that school for the~~  
574 ~~remainder of the school year if:~~

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

578 ~~(b) The student continues to meet the same standards of~~  
579 ~~acceptance, behavior, and performance which are required of~~  
580 ~~other students participating in the activity, except for~~

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581 ~~enrollment requirements at the school at which the student~~  
582 ~~participates.~~

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

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

592 1002.31 Controlled open enrollment; public school parental  
593 choice.—

594 (6)(a) A school district or charter school may not delay  
595 eligibility or otherwise prevent a student participating in  
596 controlled open enrollment or a choice program from being  
597 immediately eligible to participate in interscholastic and  
598 intrascholastic extracurricular activities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

614       1002.33 Charter schools.—

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

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

623       1006.195 District school board, charter school authority  
624 and responsibility to establish student eligibility regarding  
625 participation in interscholastic and intrascholastic  
626 extracurricular activities.—Notwithstanding any provision to the  
627 contrary in ss. 1006.15, 1006.18, and 1006.20, regarding student  
628 eligibility to participate in interscholastic and  
629 intrascholastic extracurricular activities:

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

636       1. A student not currently suspended from interscholastic  
637 or intrascholastic extracurricular activities, or suspended or  
638 expelled from school, pursuant to a district school board's

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639 suspension or expulsion powers provided in law, including ss.  
640 1006.07, 1006.08, and 1006.09, is eligible to participate in  
641 interscholastic and intrascholastic extracurricular activities.

642 2. A student may not participate in a sport if the student  
643 participated in that same sport at another school during that  
644 school year, unless the student meets the criteria in s.  
645 1006.15(10) s. 1006.15(3)(j).

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

650 (b) Students who participate in interscholastic and  
651 intrascholastic extracurricular activities for, but are not  
652 enrolled in, a public school pursuant to s. 1006.15(4) s.  
653 ~~1006.15(3)(e) (e) and (8)~~, are subject to the district school  
654 board's code of student conduct for the limited purpose of  
655 establishing and maintaining the student's eligibility to  
656 participate at the school.

657 Section 6. Paragraph (h) of subsection (7) of section  
658 1006.20, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (o) is  
659 added to subsection (2) and paragraph (i) is added to subsection  
660 (7) of that section, to read:

661 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

662 (2) ADOPTION OF BYLAWS, POLICIES, OR GUIDELINES.—

663 (o) The FHSAA shall adopt, maintain, and enforce sport-  
664 specific manuals or handbooks that govern interscholastic  
665 competition. The manuals or handbooks may include, but are not  
666 limited to, timing, scoring, equipment, officiating, and athlete  
667 safety. The FHSAA must ensure that athletes may request

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668 exemptions or accommodations from real-time scoring requirements  
669 not later than 72 hours before a sanctioned event. If a request  
670 is made within the prescribed time, the FHSAA must provide  
671 access to accommodations for such participants.

672 (7) APPEALS.—

673 (h) Decisions made by the committee on appeals, the  
674 executive director or his or her designee, and a governing  
675 organization's ~~the FHSAA~~ board of directors must be posted  
676 online in a searchable format and be in compliance with ss.  
677 1002.22 and 1002.221.

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

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

684 1012.01 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the following  
685 terms have the following meanings:

686 (3) ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL.—"Administrative personnel"  
687 includes K-12 personnel who perform management activities such  
688 as developing broad policies for the school district and  
689 executing those policies through the direction of personnel at  
690 all levels within the district. Administrative personnel are  
691 generally high-level, responsible personnel who have been  
692 assigned the responsibilities of systemwide or schoolwide  
693 functions, such as district school superintendents, assistant  
694 superintendents, deputy superintendents, school principals,  
695 assistant principals, career center directors, and others who  
696 perform management activities. Broad classifications of K-12

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697 administrative personnel are as follows:

698 (d) Athletic administrators and activity sponsor directors  
699 of extracurricular activities.—Included in this classification  
700 is any athletic director or coach or the director of an activity  
701 sponsor specified by the district school superintendent. The  
702 district school superintendent may negotiate individual  
703 compensation in excess of compensation otherwise awardable  
704 pursuant to s. 1012.22. Such compensation may not exceed the  
705 compensation of the highest paid administrator in the district.

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