

By the Committees on Rules; Judiciary; and Education Pre-K - 12;
and Senator Simon

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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 (FHSA) 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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requiring the FHSAA to provided accommodations under certain circumstances; 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. 1012.01, F.S.; including athletic administrators in the broad classification of K-12 administrative personnel; authorizing district school superintendents to negotiate specified compensation; providing requirements for such compensation; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 2. 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 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

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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 any 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 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.

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

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

c. 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 a.

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

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

(4) ELIGIBILITY.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~c. 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~~

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~~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
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).~~

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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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~~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 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~~

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~~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 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~~

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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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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.~~

~~(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~~

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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 ~~(c) 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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student cost to the school or district for the activity" means the school's or district's direct costs, including any increase in insurance premiums, which are necessary to provide the specific interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity within the school or district, divided by the number of students participating in that activity in the school or district.

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

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

(d) 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.

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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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~~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 intrascholastic 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~~

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

583 ~~(c) 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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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 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)(c)-(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 6. Paragraph (h) of subsection (7) of section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (o) is added to subsection (2) and paragraph (i) is added to subsection (7) of that section, to read:

1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

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

(o) The FHSA shall adopt, maintain, and enforce sport-specific manuals or handbooks that govern interscholastic competition. The manuals or handbooks may include, but are not limited to, timing, scoring, equipment, officiating, and athlete safety. The FHSA 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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administrative personnel are as follows:

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

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