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5 **PROPOSAL**

6  
7 A proposal related to General Terms – Charter School

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 1.4 be amended adding a new sub-section to read:

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13 **Bylaw 1.4.39 Charter School** – A charter school, by state statutes, is considered a public school (s.1002.33(1) FS.

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5 **PROPOSAL**

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7 A proposal related to an Applying Member

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 3.2 be amended adding a new subsection to read:

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13 **Bylaw 3.2.1.2 Applying Member.** An “applying member” is a member school that is under an “application period” immediately following its  
14 initial submission of an application for membership. During the “application period,” the school can participate in preseason and regular season  
15 interscholastic competition with member schools, but will have no other privileges of a “full member.”

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17 **Re-number all subsequent sub-sections**

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5 **PROPOSAL**

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7 A proposal related to Qualifications and Conditions of Membership

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 3.3.1 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 3.3.1 Schools.** A senior high school, middle/junior high school or combination school located in the state of Florida may become a  
14 member if:

- 15 (a) The principal applies for membership on a form provided for that purpose;  
16 (b) The school is registered with the Florida Department of Education;  
17 (c) The school is accredited by an agency approved by the Association;  
18 (d) The governing body of the school approves the school’s membership in the Association, and adopts these bylaws annually as the rules  
19 governing its interscholastic athletic programs;  
20 (e) The school pays all dues and other fees required of member schools;  
21 (f) The school maintains the insurance coverage required of member schools;  
22 (g) The school provides the principal, the FHSAA representative and the athletic director with the appropriate modes of communication;  
23 (h) The school, if applicable, successfully completes its applying and provisional period; and  
24 (i) The Board of Directors elects the school to membership.

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5 **PROPOSAL**

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7 A proposal related to Home Education Cooperatives

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 3.3.2 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 3.3.2 Home Education Cooperatives.** A home education cooperative located in the state of Florida may become a member if:

14 (a) The principal applies for membership on a form provided for that purpose;

15 (b) The governing board of the cooperative adopts these bylaws annually as the rules governing its interscholastic athletic programs;

16 (c) The cooperative pays all dues and other fees required of member schools;

17 (d) The cooperative maintains the insurance coverage required of member schools;

18 (e) The cooperative successfully completes its applying and provisional period;

19 (f) The cooperative provides the principal, the FHSAA representative and the athletic director with the appropriate modes of communication;

20 and

21 (g) The Board of Directors elects the cooperative to membership.

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7 A proposal related to Provisional Membership Period

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 3.4.1.2 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 3.4.1.2 Provisional Membership Period.** A two-year provisional period will begin after a school successfully completes its application  
14 period with a school's first year of membership and is approved by the Board of Directors. During the provisional period the school must  
15 demonstrate an understanding of and comply with all bylaws and other rules of the Association.

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5 **PROPOSAL**

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7 A proposal related to Application for Membership – Financial Condition

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 3.6.1.1.3 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 3.6.1.1.3 Financial Condition.** The principal must document that the school can meet the financial obligations of membership. This  
14 documentation must be a photocopy of financial statements from the most recent period that have been independently audited or reviewed by a  
15 certified public accountant, and one of the following:

16 (a) A photocopy of the school’s most recent federal tax return;

17 ~~(b) A photocopy of financial statements from the most recent period that have been independently audited or reviewed by a certified public~~  
18 ~~accountant;~~

19 ~~(e)~~ A photocopy of prior year operating revenues and expenses as reported to the governing body for the school; or

20 ~~(d)~~ A photocopy of operating budget revenues and expenses for the school that has been approved by the governing body.

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7 A proposal related to Application for Membership – Former Member

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 3.6.1.2 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 3.6.1.2 Former Member.** A former member school that applies to re-establish its membership must pay a re-admission fee, satisfy any  
14 outstanding obligations to the Association, and completes its application and provisional period, before it becomes eligible for re-election to  
15 full membership. These conditions will apply whether the school’s previous membership was terminated voluntarily or involuntary.

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7 A proposal related to Privileges of Membership

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 3.9.1.1 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 3.9.1.1 Other Schools Not Eligible for FHSAA Championships.** The following member schools are also not permitted the privilege  
14 of participation in FHSAA championships:

15 (a) Senior high schools during the its application and provisional period;

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5 **PROPOSAL**

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7 A proposal related to Certification of Student Eligibility

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 6.2.1 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 6.2.1 Eligibility Reports.** The principal or designee must annually submit all eligibility reports utilizing the official Association process  
14 as approved by the Executive Director ~~electronically and sign all eligibility correspondence.~~

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5 **PROPOSAL**

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7 A proposal related to Student Eligibility – School Responsibility

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 9.1.2 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 9.1.2 School Responsible to Ensure Student Eligibility.** A school must not permit a student to represent it in interscholastic athletic  
14 competition unless the student meets all eligibility requirements and the school has certified the student’s eligibility to the FHSAA Office  
15 utilizing the official Association process as approved by the Executive Director.

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7 A proposal related to Student Eligibility – Recruited Students

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 9.1.2.3 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 9.1.2.3 Eligibility of Recruited Students.** A student may be declared ineligible based on violation of recruiting rules if (§  
14 1006.20(2)(b)4, F.S.):

15 (c) ~~The benefit or promise of benefit~~ The student accepted any benefit if such benefit is not generally available to all of the school’s students or  
16 family members or is based in any way on athletic interest, potential, or performance.

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7 A proposal related to Attendance Exceptions – Alternative or Special School

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 9.2.2.3.1 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 9.2.2.3.1 Alternative or Special School Student Requirements.** To participate in interscholastic athletics, an alternative or special  
14 school:

15 (b) The student must register his/her intent to participate in interscholastic athletics as a representative of the school on or before the beginning  
16 date of the season for the sport in which he/she wishes to before participation participate; and

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7 A proposal related to Attendance Exceptions – Dual Enrollment and Early Admission Programs

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 9.2.2.7 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 9.2.2.7 Students in Dual Enrollment and Early Admission Programs.** A student who attends a dual enrollment or early admission  
14 program operated by a community college or university may participate at the school the student ~~would attend~~ attends or at which records are  
15 being kept if:

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5 **PROPOSAL**

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7 A proposal related to Transfer Regulations

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaws 9.3.1 and 9.3.2 be amended and adding new subsections 9.3.2.1 and 9.3.2.2 to read:

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13 **Bylaw 9.3.1 “Transfer” Defined.** A transfer occurs when a student makes any change in schools after he/she establishes residency, as defined  
14 in Bylaw 9.2.1, at a school each year.

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16 **9.3.2 Transfer Eligibility.** A student who transfers from one school to another will be eligible at the new school provided the student qualifies  
17 under one of the following: during the school year may seek to immediately join an existing team if the roster for the specific interscholastic or  
18 intrascholastic extracurricular activity has not reached that activity’s identified maximum size, provided the coach for the activity determines  
19 that the student has the requisite skill and ability to participate (§ 1006.15(9)(a), F.S.). The student may not be declared ineligible because the  
20 student did not have the opportunity to comply with qualifying requirements or provided the student qualifies under one of the following:

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22 **9.3.2.1 Transfer before Starting a Sport.** A student who has not started a sport may seek to immediately join an existing team if the roster  
23 for the specific interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity has not reached that activity’s identified maximum size, provided the  
24 coach for the activity determines that the student has the requisite skill and ability to participate (§ 1006.15(9)(a), F.S.). The student may not be  
25 declared ineligible because the student did not have the opportunity to comply with qualifying requirements

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27 **9.3.2.2 Transfer after Starting a Sport.** A student may not participate in a sport if the student participated in that same sport at another school  
28 during that school year, unless the student meets one of the following criteria (§ 1006.15(9)(b),F.S.):

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5 **PROPOSAL**

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7 A proposal related to Transfer Students – Disciplinary Issues

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 9.3.4.1 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 9.3.4.1 Students Under ~~Expulsion~~ Disciplinary Action.** A student who has been expelled or is under disciplinary action by a school  
14 district or school (which would render the student ineligible) shall not be considered eligible at any member school during the length of the  
15 ~~expulsion~~ disciplinary action. If the student who is under disciplinary action ~~and~~ chooses not to attend an alternative school, if offered by the  
16 school district or school, shall be ineligible to represent a member school for the next two consecutive “full” semesters. Attending a new school  
17 at the beginning of the school year does not decrease or eliminate the period of ineligibility.

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7 A proposal related to Academic Requirements – Courses Used to Calculate GPA

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 9.4.1.1 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 9.4.1.1 Courses to be Used in Calculating GPA.** The grades from all courses ~~required for graduation~~ that a student takes, including  
14 those high school level courses taken by the student before he/she begins high school, must be included in the calculation of the student's  
15 cumulative GPA at the conclusion of each semester. For public school students, this includes the courses listed in §1003.4282, F.S.

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7 A proposal related to Academic Requirements – Previous Two Consecutive Semesters

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 9.4.1.3 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 9.4.1.3 Attendance During Previous Two Consecutive Semesters Required.** A student cannot  
14 be academically eligible if he/she has not attended school and received grades for all courses taken during the previous two consecutive full  
15 semesters.

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7 A proposal related to Academic Requirements – GPA Calculations

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 9.4.3.1.1 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 9.4.3.1.1 Grade GPA Calculation.** For the purposes of GPA calculation, each subsequent unsuccessful attempt on a course taken for  
14 forgiveness ~~must~~ will not be computed in the calculations. One successful attempt will over write the original grade and all previous unsuccessful  
15 attempts.

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7 A proposal related to Limit of Eligibility

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 9.5.1 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 9.5.1 High School Student Has Eight Semesters Four Years of Eligibility.** A student is limited to eight four consecutive school years  
14 semesters of eligibility beginning with semester school year he/she begins ninth grade for the first time. This does not imply that the student  
15 has eight semesters four years of participation. After eight four consecutive semesters school years, the student is permanently ineligible.

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5 **PROPOSAL**

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7 A proposal related to Limit of Eligibility – Grade 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 9.5.2 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 9.5.2 A 6th, 7th or 8th Grade Student Has 1-Year Limit of Eligibility in Each Grade.** A 6th, 7th or 8th grade student may participate  
14 ~~only one~~ during their first year in each grade level. A 6th, 7th or 8th grade student who repeats a grade will not be eligible during the grade  
15 being repeated.

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**PROPOSAL**

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7 A proposal related to Age – Acceptable Documentation

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 9.6.4.1 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 9.6.4.1 What is Documented Proof of Age?** Documented proof of age is one or more of the following:

14 (b) A passport, visa, or “green card” or EAD that lists the student’s date of birth; or

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5 **PROPOSAL**

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7 A proposal related to Undue Hardship

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 10.4.4.2 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 10.4.4.2 Criteria for an Undue Hardship Waiver Determination.** By seeking an undue hardship waiver, the student and the member  
14 school accept the fact that the student is ineligible under the FHSAA Bylaws and/or Policies but are asking for a waiver of those Bylaws and/or  
15 Policies. For the purpose of determining whether to grant or deny an undue hardship waiver the Sectional Appeals Committees and the Board  
16 of Directions shall be guided by the following criteria, other criteria contained in these Bylaws and FHSAA Policies, and their respective  
17 experience related to high school athletics.

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7 A proposal related to Appeals – Method of Appearance

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 10.6.3.1 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 10.6.3.1 Sectional Appeal Hearing Option.** The person or entity requesting an appeal has the opportunity to appear before the Sectional,  
14 Infractions or Emergency Appeals Committee at the site of the hearing or via Teleconference. The choice of the method of appearance must be  
15 indicated on the form provided by the association.

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A proposal related to Appeal Hearing

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 10.6.3.2 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 10.6.3.2 Sectional Appeal Hearings via Teleconference**

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7 A proposal related to Appeal Hearing - Teleconference

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9 Be it adopted by the FHSAA Representative Assembly that:

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11 Bylaw 10.6.3.2.1 be amended to read:

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13 **Bylaw 10.6.3.2.1 Teleconference Hearings.** By requesting an Sectional Appeal Hearings via Teleconference, the member school and the  
14 student consents to such a hearing being conducted via appropriate teleconference methods (i.e. tele/video conferencing, webinar, Skype, etc.).  
15 It is the responsibility of the school requesting a hearing before an Sectional Appeal Hearings Committee via Teleconference to provide the  
16 appropriate teleconference equipment to participate in the hearing and to have a notary public present at the time and location where the  
17 appealing school and student will be located. Filing an appeal through the Teleconference option must meet the same standards as indicated in  
18 Bylaw 10.6.1.

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