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Mr. Craig Damon, Executive Director  
Florida High School Athletic Association  
1801 NW 80<sup>th</sup> Boulevard  
Gainesville, Florida 32606

Dear Executive Director Damon:

With the passage of Senate Bill 538, I have heard many concerns among non-traditional students who will no longer be able to play sports at a school across district lines from the student's residence.

In order to alleviate this concern, pursuant to my authority under section 1006.20(2)(a), Florida Statutes, I am directing the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) to include in your bylaws implementing SB 538 a clause to grandfather in any non-traditional students who used open enrollment to play in a different district during the 2025-26 school year. If they so choose, these students should be allowed to complete their athletic eligibility at the school where they participated in 2025-26.

I look forward to continuing to work with the FHSAA to ensure all students have the opportunity to maximize their options for participation in extracurricular activities while pursuing the education that best fits their needs.

Sincerely,

Anastasios Kamoutsas

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