

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to high school athletics; amending s.  
 3           1006.20, F.S.; providing requirements regarding fees  
 4           and contest receipts collected by the Florida High  
 5           School Athletic Association (FHSAA); providing for  
 6           single-day and multiple-day passes for interscholastic  
 7           athletic competitions; providing that a school may  
 8           join the FHSAA as a full-time member or on a per-sport  
 9           basis; prohibiting the FHSAA from taking any  
 10          retributory or discriminatory action against specified  
 11          schools; authorizing the Commissioner of Education to  
 12          identify other associations in compliance with  
 13          specified provisions; requiring the preparticipation  
 14          physical evaluation form to contain certain  
 15          information relating to a cardiovascular assessment  
 16          that includes an electrocardiogram; requiring the  
 17          FHSAA to make literature containing certain  
 18          information available to parents; providing an  
 19          effective date.

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

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 23           Section 1. Subsection (1) and paragraph (c) of subsection  
 24           (2) of section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:  
 25           1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—  
 26           (1) GOVERNING NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION ~~ORGANIZATION~~.—The

27 Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) is designated  
 28 ~~as~~ the state's governing nonprofit association for purposes of  
 29 membership in the National Federation of State High School  
 30 Associations organization of athletics in Florida public  
 31 ~~schools~~. If, at any time, the FHSAA fails to meet the provisions  
 32 of this part section, the commissioner, with the approval of the  
 33 State Board of Education, shall designate another ~~a~~ nonprofit  
 34 association organization to govern interscholastic athletic  
 35 competition in this state and serve as Florida's voting member  
 36 association of the National Federation of State High School  
 37 Associations athletics with the approval of the State Board of  
 38 ~~Education~~. The FHSAA is not a state agency as defined in s.  
 39 120.52 but is. ~~The FHSAA shall be subject to~~ ss. 1006.15-  
 40 1006.19. Any special event fees, sanctioning fees, including  
 41 third-party sanctioning fees, or contest receipts collected  
 42 annually by the FHSAA may not exceed its actual costs to perform  
 43 the function or duty that is the subject of or justification for  
 44 the fee the provisions of s. 1006.19. The FHSAA shall offer  
 45 spectators seeking admission to interscholastic athletic  
 46 competitions the option of purchasing a single-day pass or a  
 47 multiple-day pass at a cost below that which one would pay on a  
 48 per-event basis for the same number of contests ~~A private school~~  
 49 ~~that wishes to engage in high school athletic competition with a~~  
 50 ~~public high school may become a member of the FHSAA. Any high~~  
 51 ~~school in the state, including~~ private schools, traditional  
 52 public schools, charter schools, virtual schools, and home

53 education cooperatives, may become a member of the FHSAA and  
 54 participate in the activities of the FHSAA. ~~However,~~ Membership  
 55 in the FHSAA is not mandatory for any school. The FHSAA shall  
 56 allow a school the option of joining the association as a full-  
 57 time member or on a per-sport basis and may not prohibit or  
 58 discourage any school from simultaneously maintaining membership  
 59 in the FHSAA and another athletic association. The FHSAA may  
 60 not:

61 (a) Deny or discourage interscholastic athletic  
 62 competition between its member schools and nonmember ~~non-FHSAA~~  
 63 ~~member Florida~~ schools, including members of another athletic  
 64 association. ~~governing organization, and may not take~~

65 (b) Engage in any retributory or discriminatory action  
 66 against any of its member schools that seek to participate in  
 67 interscholastic athletic competition with nonmember ~~non-FHSAA~~  
 68 ~~member Florida~~ schools or become members in other associations  
 69 for a sport for which they are not a member of the FHSAA. ~~The~~  
 70 ~~FHSAA may not unreasonably withhold~~

71 (c) Withhold its approval of an application to become an  
 72 affiliate member of the National Federation of State High School  
 73 Associations submitted by any other association ~~organization~~  
 74 that governs interscholastic athletic competition in this state  
 75 which meets the requirements of the National Federation of State  
 76 High School Associations. The commissioner may identify other  
 77 associations that govern interscholastic athletic competition in  
 78 compliance with the requirements of the National Federation of

79 State High School Associations ~~The bylaws of the FHSAA are the~~  
80 ~~rules by which high school athletic programs in its member~~  
81 ~~schools, and the students who participate in them, are governed,~~  
82 ~~unless otherwise specifically provided by statute.~~ For the  
83 purposes of this section, "high school" includes grades 6  
84 through 12.

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

86 (c) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that require all students  
87 participating in interscholastic athletic competition or who are  
88 candidates for an interscholastic athletic team to  
89 satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year prior to  
90 participating in interscholastic athletic competition or  
91 engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, or other physical  
92 activity associated with the student's candidacy for an  
93 interscholastic athletic team. Such medical evaluation may be  
94 administered only by a practitioner licensed under chapter 458,  
95 chapter 459, chapter 460, or s. 464.012, and in good standing  
96 with the practitioner's regulatory board. The bylaws shall  
97 establish requirements for eliciting a student's medical history  
98 and performing the medical evaluation required under this  
99 paragraph, which shall include a physical assessment of the  
100 student's physical capabilities to participate in  
101 interscholastic athletic competition as contained in a uniform  
102 preparticipation physical evaluation and history form. The  
103 evaluation form shall incorporate the recommendations of the  
104 American Heart Association for participation cardiovascular

105 screening and shall provide a place for the signature of the  
106 practitioner performing the evaluation with an attestation that  
107 each examination procedure listed on the form was performed by  
108 the practitioner or by someone under the direct supervision of  
109 the practitioner. The form shall also contain a place for the  
110 practitioner to indicate if a referral to another practitioner  
111 was made in lieu of completion of a certain examination  
112 procedure. The form shall provide a place for the practitioner  
113 to whom the student was referred to complete the remaining  
114 sections and attest to that portion of the examination. The  
115 preparticipation physical evaluation form shall contain  
116 information that advises a student ~~advise students~~ to complete a  
117 cardiovascular assessment that includes an electrocardiogram.  
118 The preparticipation physical evaluation form ~~and~~ shall also  
119 include information concerning alternative cardiovascular  
120 evaluation and diagnostic tests. Results of such medical  
121 evaluation must be provided to the school. No student shall be  
122 eligible to participate in any interscholastic athletic  
123 competition or engage in any practice, tryout, workout, or other  
124 physical activity associated with the student's candidacy for an  
125 interscholastic athletic team until the results of the medical  
126 evaluation have been received and approved by the school. The  
127 FHSAA shall make available to the parent of each student  
128 literature on the importance of a preparticipation  
129 cardiovascular assessment that includes an electrocardiogram.

130 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.