

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida High School
3 Activities Association; amending s. 1006.18,
4 F.S.; providing technical revisions; amending
5 s. 1006.20, F.S.; renaming the association as
6 the Florida High School Athletic Association;
7 revising the procedures for students' physical
8 examinations; revising membership of the board
9 of directors; deleting obsolete provisions;
10 providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 1006.18, Florida Statutes, is
15 amended to read:

16 1006.18 Cheerleader safety standards.--The Florida
17 High School Athletic ~~Activities~~ Association or successor
18 organization shall adopt statewide uniform safety standards
19 for student cheerleaders and spirit groups that participate in
20 any school activity or extracurricular student activity. The
21 Florida High School Athletic ~~Activities~~ Association or
22 successor organization shall adopt the "Official High School
23 Spirit Rules," published by the National Federation of State
24 High School Associations, as the statewide uniform safety
25 standards.

26 Section 2. Subsection (10) of section 1006.20, Florida
27 Statutes, is repealed, and subsection (1), paragraph (c) of
28 subsection (2), and paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of that
29 section are amended to read:

30 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.--

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1 (1) GOVERNING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.--The Florida
2 High School Athletic ~~Activities~~ Association is designated as
3 the governing nonprofit organization of athletics in Florida
4 public schools. If the Florida High School Athletic ~~Activities~~
5 Association fails to meet the provisions of this section, the
6 commissioner shall designate a nonprofit organization to
7 govern athletics with the approval of the State Board of
8 Education. The organization is not to be a state agency as
9 defined in s. 120.52. The organization shall be subject to the
10 provisions of s. 1006.19. A private school that wishes to
11 engage in high school athletic competition with a public high
12 school may become a member of the organization. The bylaws of
13 the organization are to be the rules by which high school
14 athletic programs in its member schools, and the students who
15 participate in them, are governed, unless otherwise
16 specifically provided by statute. For the purposes of this
17 section, "high school" includes grades 6 through 12.

18 (2) ADOPTION OF BYLAWS.--

19 (c) The organization shall adopt bylaws that require
20 all students participating in interscholastic athletic
21 competition or who are candidates for an interscholastic
22 athletic team to satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each
23 year prior to participating in interscholastic athletic
24 competition or engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, or
25 other physical activity associated with the student's
26 candidacy for an interscholastic athletic team. Such medical
27 evaluation can only be administered by a practitioner licensed
28 under the provisions of chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460,
29 or s. 464.012, and in good standing with the practitioner's
30 regulatory board. The bylaws shall establish requirements for
31 eliciting a student's medical history and performing the

1 medical evaluation required under this paragraph, which shall
2 include a physical assessment of the student's minimum
3 ~~standards for the physical capabilities to participate~~
4 ~~necessary for participation~~ in interscholastic athletic
5 competition as contained in a uniform preparticipation
6 physical evaluation form. The evaluation form shall provide a
7 place for the signature of the practitioner performing the
8 evaluation with an attestation that each examination procedure
9 listed on the form was performed by the practitioner or by
10 someone under the direct supervision of the practitioner. The
11 form shall also contain a place for the practitioner to
12 indicate if a referral to another practitioner was made in
13 lieu of completion of a certain examination procedure. The
14 form shall provide a place for the practitioner to whom the
15 student was referred to complete the remaining sections and
16 attest to that portion of the examination. The
17 preparticipation physical evaluation form shall advise
18 students to complete a cardiovascular assessment and shall
19 include information concerning alternative cardiovascular
20 evaluation and diagnostic tests. Practitioners administering
21 medical evaluations pursuant to this subsection must, at a
22 minimum, solicit all information required by, and perform a
23 physical assessment according to, the uniform preparticipation
24 form referred to in this paragraph and must certify, based on
25 the information provided and the physical assessment, that the
26 student is physically capable of participating in
27 interscholastic athletic competition ~~know the minimum~~
28 ~~standards established by the organization and certify that the~~
29 ~~student meets the standards~~. If the practitioner determines
30 that there are any abnormal findings in the cardiovascular
31 system, the student may not participate until a further

1 cardiovascular assessment, which may include an EKG, is
2 performed which indicates that the student is physically
3 capable of participating in interscholastic athletic
4 competition unless a subsequent EKG or other cardiovascular
5 assessment indicates that the abnormality will not place the
6 student at risk during such participation. Results of such
7 medical evaluation must be provided to the school. No student
8 shall be eligible to participate in any interscholastic
9 athletic competition or engage in any practice, tryout,
10 workout, or other physical activity associated with the
11 student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic team until
12 the results of the medical evaluation clearing ~~verifying that~~
13 the student for participation has ~~satisfactorily passed the~~
14 ~~evaluation have~~ been received and approved by the school.

15 (4) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.--

16 (a) The executive authority of the organization shall
17 be vested in its board of directors. Any entity that appoints
18 members to the board of directors shall examine the ethnic and
19 demographic composition of the board when selecting candidates
20 for appointment and shall, to the greatest extent possible,
21 make appointments that reflect state demographic and
22 population trends.The board of directors shall be composed of
23 16 ~~15~~ persons, as follows:

24 1. Four public member school representatives, one
25 elected from among its public school representative members
26 within each of the four administrative regions.

27 2. Four nonpublic member school representatives, one
28 elected from among its nonpublic school representative members
29 within each of the four administrative regions.

30 3. Three ~~Two~~ representatives appointed by the
31 commissioner, one appointed from the two northernmost

1 administrative regions and one appointed from the two
2 southernmost administrative regions. The third representative
3 shall be appointed to balance the board for diversity or state
4 population trends, or both.

5 4. Two district school superintendents, one elected
6 from the two northernmost administrative regions by the
7 members in those regions and one elected from the two
8 southernmost administrative regions by the members in those
9 regions.

10 5. Two district school board members, one elected from
11 the two northernmost administrative regions by the members in
12 those regions and one elected from the two southernmost
13 administrative regions by the members in those regions.

14 6. The commissioner or his or her designee from the
15 department executive staff.

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
17 law.

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