

By Senator Garcia

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to student eligibility for  
3       interscholastic athletic competition; amending s.  
4       1006.20, F.S.; revising requirements for the bylaws of  
5       the Florida High School Athletic Association governing  
6       student eligibility to participate in interscholastic  
7       athletic competition to mandate that the required  
8       medical evaluation include an electrocardiogram;  
9       revising the information that must be included on the  
10      preparticipation physical evaluation form; providing  
11      an effective date.

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

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15       Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
16      1006.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

17       1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

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

19       (c) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that require all students  
20      participating in interscholastic athletic competition or who are  
21      candidates for an interscholastic athletic team to  
22      satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year before ~~prior~~  
23      to participating in interscholastic athletic competition or  
24      engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, or other physical  
25      activity associated with the student's candidacy for an  
26      interscholastic athletic team. A practitioner licensed under  
27      chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 460 or certified under s.  
28      464.012 who is in good standing with his or her professional  
29      regulatory board shall administer this ~~Such~~ medical evaluation

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30 ~~may be administered only by a practitioner licensed under~~  
31 ~~chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, or s. 464.012, and in~~  
32 ~~good standing with the practitioner's regulatory board.~~ The  
33 bylaws must ~~shall~~ establish requirements for eliciting a  
34 student's medical history and performing the medical evaluation  
35 required under this paragraph, which must ~~shall~~ include an  
36 electrocardiogram and a physical assessment of the student's  
37 physical capabilities to participate in interscholastic athletic  
38 competition as contained in a uniform preparticipation physical  
39 evaluation and history form. The evaluation form must ~~shall~~  
40 incorporate the recommendations of the American Heart  
41 Association for participation cardiovascular screening and must  
42 ~~shall~~ provide a place for the signature of the practitioner  
43 performing the evaluation with an attestation that each  
44 examination procedure listed on the form was performed by the  
45 practitioner or by someone under the direct supervision of the  
46 practitioner. The form must ~~shall~~ also contain a place for the  
47 practitioner to indicate if a referral to another practitioner  
48 was made in lieu of completion of a certain examination  
49 procedure. The form must ~~shall~~ provide a place for the  
50 practitioner to whom the student was referred to complete the  
51 remaining sections and attest to that portion of the  
52 examination. The preparticipation physical evaluation form must  
53 contain information that advises a student ~~shall advise students~~  
54 to complete a cardiovascular assessment, which includes an  
55 electrocardiogram. The preparticipation physical evaluation form  
56 must also ~~and shall~~ include information concerning alternative  
57 cardiovascular evaluation and diagnostic tests. Results of such  
58 medical evaluation must be provided to the school. A ~~No~~ student

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59 is not ~~shall be~~ eligible to participate in any interscholastic  
60 athletic competition or engage in any practice, tryout, workout,  
61 or other physical activity associated with the student's  
62 candidacy for an interscholastic athletic team until the results  
63 of the medical evaluation have been received and approved by the  
64 school.

65 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.