

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; revising the information that  
 8           must be included on the preparticipation physical  
 9           evaluation form; providing an effective date.

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

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 13           Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
 14           1006.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15           1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

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

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

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30 ~~good standing with the practitioner's regulatory board.~~ The  
31 bylaws must ~~shall~~ establish requirements for eliciting a  
32 student's medical history and performing the medical evaluation  
33 required under this paragraph, which must ~~shall~~ include a  
34 physical assessment of the student's physical capabilities to  
35 participate in interscholastic athletic competition as contained  
36 in a uniform preparticipation physical evaluation and history  
37 form. The evaluation form must ~~shall~~ incorporate the  
38 recommendations of the American Heart Association for  
39 participation cardiovascular screening and must ~~shall~~ provide a  
40 place for the signature of the practitioner performing the  
41 evaluation with an attestation that each examination procedure  
42 listed on the form was performed by the practitioner or by  
43 someone under the direct supervision of the practitioner. The  
44 form must ~~shall~~ also contain a place for the practitioner to  
45 indicate if a referral to another practitioner was made in lieu  
46 of completion of a certain examination procedure. The form must  
47 ~~shall~~ provide a place for the practitioner to whom the student  
48 was referred to complete the remaining sections and attest to  
49 that portion of the examination. The preparticipation physical  
50 evaluation form must contain information that advises a student  
51 ~~shall advise students~~ to complete a cardiovascular assessment,  
52 including an electrocardiogram. The preparticipation physical  
53 evaluation form must also ~~and shall~~ include information  
54 concerning alternative cardiovascular evaluation and diagnostic  
55 tests. Results of such medical evaluation must be provided to  
56 the school. A student is not eligible to participate, as  
57 provided in s. 1006.15(3), in any interscholastic athletic  
58 competition or engage in any practice, tryout, workout, or other

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59 physical activity associated with the student's candidacy for an  
60 interscholastic athletic team until the results of the medical  
61 evaluation have been received and approved by the school.

62 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.