

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to wellness examinations; amending s.  
3           381.0056, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
4           "physical examination" to include reference to  
5           specified guidelines; amending s. 381.0057, F.S.;  
6           including physical examinations in the support  
7           services provided under the school health services  
8           program; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; exempting a child  
9           from the adolescent well-care examination upon a  
10          parent's written request stating objections on  
11          religious grounds; amending s. 1002.42, F.S.;  
12          requiring students of private schools to present a  
13          proof of an adolescent well-care examination form;  
14          creating s. 1003.221, F.S.; defining the term  
15          "adolescent well-care examination"; requiring that  
16          district school boards and private school governing  
17          authorities require and enforce as a policy that  
18          certain children present proof each school year of an  
19          adolescent well-care examination; requiring district  
20          school boards and private school governing authorities  
21          to refuse to admit children who fail to present proof  
22          of such examination; requiring school boards and  
23          private school governing authorities to establish and  
24          enforce a policy that allows a student to submit proof  
25          of the examination within 30 school days under certain

26 conditions; providing exemptions; requiring the  
27 Department of Education, in consultation with the  
28 Department of Health, to develop a proof of adolescent  
29 well-care examination form to become a part of each  
30 student's permanent record; providing exemptions from  
31 the adolescent well-care examination requirement;  
32 requiring each public school or private school to  
33 follow up with each student until proper documentation  
34 is obtained; requiring an authorized juvenile justice  
35 official to follow up with each certain students until  
36 proper documentation is obtained; specifying that the  
37 child's parent bears responsibility for compliance  
38 with specified adolescent well-care examination  
39 requirements; requiring the State Board of Education,  
40 in consultation with the Department of Health, to  
41 adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

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45 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section  
46 381.0056, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

47 381.0056 School health services program.—

48 (2) As used in this section, the term:

49 (d) "Physical examination" means a thorough evaluation of  
50 the health status of an individual, including a physical,

51 developmental, behavioral, and psychosocial screening and  
52 assessment, as recommended in the American Academy of  
53 Pediatrics' 2017 Bright Futures: Guidelines for Health  
54 Supervision of Infants, Children, and Adolescents.

55 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
56 381.0057, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

57 381.0057 Funding for school health services.—

58 (3) Any school district, school, or laboratory school  
59 which desires to receive state funding under the provisions of  
60 this section shall submit a proposal to the joint committee  
61 established in subsection (2). The proposal shall state the  
62 goals of the program, provide specific plans for reducing  
63 teenage pregnancy, and describe all of the health services to be  
64 available to students with funds provided pursuant to this  
65 section, including a combination of initiatives such as health  
66 education, counseling, extracurricular, and self-esteem  
67 components. School health services shall not promote elective  
68 termination of pregnancy as a part of counseling services. Only  
69 those program proposals which have been developed jointly by  
70 county health departments and local school districts or schools,  
71 and which have community and parental support, shall be eligible  
72 for funding. Funding shall be available specifically for  
73 implementation of one of the following programs:

74 (b) *Student support services team program.*—The program  
75 shall include a multidisciplinary team composed of a

76 | psychologist, social worker, and nurse whose responsibilities  
77 | are to provide basic support services and to assist, in the  
78 | school setting, children who exhibit mild to severely complex  
79 | health, behavioral, or learning problems affecting their school  
80 | performance. Support services shall include, but not be limited  
81 | to: evaluation and treatment for minor illnesses and injuries,  
82 | referral and followup for serious illnesses and emergencies,  
83 | onsite care and consultation, referral to a physician, and  
84 | followup care for pregnancy or chronic diseases and disorders as  
85 | well as emotional or mental problems. Services also shall  
86 | include referral care for drug and alcohol abuse and sexually  
87 | transmitted diseases, sports and employment physicals, physical  
88 | examinations, immunizations, and in addition, effective  
89 | preventive services aimed at delaying early sexual involvement  
90 | and aimed at pregnancy, acquired immune deficiency syndrome,  
91 | sexually transmitted diseases, and destructive lifestyle  
92 | conditions, such as alcohol and drug abuse. Moneys for this  
93 | program shall be used to fund three teams, each consisting of  
94 | one half-time psychologist, one full-time nurse, and one full-  
95 | time social worker. Each team shall provide student support  
96 | services to an elementary school, middle school, and high school  
97 | that are a part of one feeder school system and shall coordinate  
98 | all activities with the school administrator and certified  
99 | school counselor at each school. A program that places all three  
100 | teams in middle schools or high schools may also be proposed.

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 102 Funding may also be available for any other program that is  
 103 comparable to a program described in this subsection but is  
 104 designed to meet the particular needs of the community.

105 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
 106 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

107 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public  
 108 school students must receive accurate and timely information  
 109 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed  
 110 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12  
 111 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory  
 112 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

113 (3) HEALTH ISSUES.—

114 (a) School-entry health examinations and adolescent well-  
 115 care examinations.—~~A~~ ~~The parent of any child attending a public~~  
 116 ~~or private school is shall be~~ exempt from the requirement of a  
 117 health examination or adolescent well-care examination upon a  
 118 parent's written request stating objections on religious grounds  
 119 in accordance with ss. 1003.22(1) and (2) and 1003.221(2) ~~the~~  
 120 ~~provisions of s. 1003.22(1) and (2).~~

121 Section 4. Subsection (5) of section 1002.42, Florida  
 122 Statutes, is amended to read:

123 1002.42 Private schools.—

124 (5) SCHOOL-ENTRY HEALTH EXAMINATIONS AND ADOLESCENT WELL-  
 125 CARE EXAMINATIONS.—The governing authority of each private

126 school shall require students to present a certification of a  
127 school-entry health examination in accordance with ss.  
128 1003.22(1) and (2) and 1003.221(2) ~~the provisions of s.~~  
129 ~~1003.22(1) and (2).~~

130 Section 5. Section 1003.221, Florida Statutes, is created  
131 to read:

132 1003.221 School-entry adolescent well-care examinations;  
133 exemptions; duties of Department of Education and Department of  
134 Health.-

135 (1) For purposes of this section, "adolescent well-care  
136 examination" means a physical, developmental, behavioral, and  
137 psychosocial screening and assessment as recommended in the  
138 American Academy of Pediatrics' 2017 Bright Futures: Guidelines  
139 for Health Supervision of Infants, Children, and Adolescents.

140 (2) (a) Each district school board and the governing  
141 authority of each private school shall require and enforce as a  
142 policy that, beginning at 12 years of age and continuing through  
143 18 years of age, each child who is entitled to entrance into a  
144 public or private school in this state must present proof each  
145 year that an adolescent well-care examination was performed each  
146 year. The district school board or the governing authority, as  
147 appropriate, shall refuse admittance to any child otherwise  
148 entitled to admittance to a Florida public or private school who  
149 is not in compliance with this section.

150 (b) The school board or the governing authority, as

151 appropriate, may establish a policy that allows a student up to  
152 30 school days to present such proof; however, children who are  
153 experiencing homelessness and children who are known to the  
154 department as defined in s. 39.0016 must be given a temporary  
155 exemption for 30 school days. Any district school board that  
156 establishes such a policy shall include provisions in its local  
157 school health services plan to assist students in obtaining  
158 adolescent well-care examinations.

159 (c) An exemption for 30 school days may be authorized for  
160 a student who enters a juvenile justice program to allow that  
161 student to attend class until his or her records or adolescent  
162 well-care examination can be obtained.

163 (d) This subsection does not apply to a child whose parent  
164 has submitted a written request for exemption stating objections  
165 on religious grounds.

166 (3) The Department of Education, in consultation with the  
167 Department of Health, shall develop a proof of adolescent well-  
168 care examination form that must be made a part of each student's  
169 permanent record, to be transferred when the student transfers,  
170 is promoted, or changes schools. The transfer of such proof of  
171 adolescent well-care examination by Florida public schools must  
172 be accomplished using the Florida Automated System for  
173 Transferring Education Records and such transfer is deemed to  
174 meet the requirements of this section.

175 (4) Each public school or private school shall follow up

176 with each such student until proper documentation is obtained.  
177 An authorized juvenile justice official shall follow up with  
178 each student who enters a juvenile justice program until proper  
179 documentation is obtained.

180 (5) The parent of a child, 12 through 18 years of age, who  
181 is admitted to or in attendance at a Florida public or private  
182 school is responsible for assuring that the child is in  
183 compliance with this section.

184 (6) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
185 Department of Health, shall adopt rules to implement this  
186 section, including procedures for exempting a child from  
187 providing proof of the adolescent well-care examination.

188 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.