

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to well-care examinations; amending s.
3 381.0056, F.S.; revising a definition; amending s.
4 381.0057, F.S.; including physical examinations in the
5 support services provided under the school health
6 services program; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; exempting
7 certain children from adolescent well-care
8 examinations; amending s. 1002.42, F.S.; requiring
9 private school students to present a certification of
10 an adolescent well-care examination; creating s.
11 1003.221, F.S.; defining the term "adolescent well-
12 care examination"; requiring certain children to
13 present a certification each school year that an
14 adolescent well-care examination was performed;
15 requiring district school boards and private school
16 governing authorities to refuse admittance to children
17 who fail to present such certification; providing
18 responsibility for compliance with a certification of
19 an adolescent well-care examination; requiring such
20 boards and authorities to establish a policy allowing
21 a student to submit such certification within a
22 specified timeframe under certain conditions;
23 providing exemptions; requiring the Department of
24 Education, in consultation with the Department of
25 Health, to develop a certification of adolescent well-

26 care examination form; requiring public and private
 27 schools to follow up with students until proper
 28 documentation is obtained; requiring an authorized
 29 juvenile justice official to follow up with certain
 30 students until proper documentation is obtained;
 31 requiring the State Board of Education, in
 32 consultation with the Department of Health, to adopt
 33 rules; providing an effective date.
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35 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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37 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section
 38 381.0056, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39 381.0056 School health services program.—

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

41 (d) "Physical examination" means a thorough evaluation of
 42 the health status of an individual, including a physical,
 43 developmental, behavioral, and psychosocial screening and
 44 assessment as recommended in the American Academy of Pediatrics'
 45 2017 Bright Futures: Guidelines for Health Supervision of
 46 Infants, Children, and Adolescents.

47 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
 48 381.0057, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

49 381.0057 Funding for school health services.—

50 (3) Any school district, school, or laboratory school

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

66 | (b) *Student support services team program.*—The program
67 | shall include a multidisciplinary team composed of a
68 | psychologist, social worker, and nurse whose responsibilities
69 | are to provide basic support services and to assist, in the
70 | school setting, children who exhibit mild to severely complex
71 | health, behavioral, or learning problems affecting their school
72 | performance. Support services shall include, but not be limited
73 | to: evaluation and treatment for minor illnesses and injuries,
74 | referral and followup for serious illnesses and emergencies,
75 | onsite care and consultation, referral to a physician, and

76 | followup care for pregnancy or chronic diseases and disorders as
77 | well as emotional or mental problems. Services also shall
78 | include referral care for drug and alcohol abuse and sexually
79 | transmitted diseases, sports and employment physicals, physical
80 | examinations, immunizations, and, in addition, effective
81 | preventive services aimed at delaying early sexual involvement
82 | and aimed at pregnancy, acquired immune deficiency syndrome,
83 | sexually transmitted diseases, and destructive lifestyle
84 | conditions, such as alcohol and drug abuse. Moneys for this
85 | program shall be used to fund three teams, each consisting of
86 | one half-time psychologist, one full-time nurse, and one full-
87 | time social worker. Each team shall provide student support
88 | services to an elementary school, middle school, and high school
89 | that are a part of one feeder school system and shall coordinate
90 | all activities with the school administrator and certified
91 | school counselor at each school. A program that places all three
92 | teams in middle schools or high schools may also be proposed.

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94 | Funding may also be available for any other program that is
95 | comparable to a program described in this subsection but is
96 | designed to meet the particular needs of the community.

97 | Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
98 | 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

99 | 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public
100 | school students must receive accurate and timely information

101 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed
 102 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12
 103 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory
 104 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

105 (3) HEALTH ISSUES.—

106 (a) School-entry health examinations and adolescent well-
 107 care examinations.—~~A~~ The parent of any child attending a public
 108 or private school is ~~shall be~~ exempt from the requirement of a
 109 health examination or an adolescent well-care examination upon a
 110 parent's written request stating objections on religious grounds
 111 in accordance with ss. 1003.22(1) and (2) and 1003.221(2) ~~the~~
 112 ~~provisions of s. 1003.22(1) and (2).~~

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

115 1002.42 Private schools.—

116 (5) SCHOOL-ENTRY HEALTH EXAMINATIONS AND ADOLESCENT WELL-
 117 CARE EXAMINATIONS.—The governing authority of each private
 118 school shall require students to present a certification that ~~of~~
 119 a ~~school-entry~~ health examination or an adolescent well-care
 120 examination was performed in accordance with ss. 1003.22(1) and
 121 (2) and 1003.221(2) ~~the provisions of s. 1003.22(1) and (2).~~

122 Section 5. Section 1003.221, Florida Statutes, is created
 123 to read:

124 1003.221 School-entry adolescent well-care examinations;
 125 exemptions; duties of Department of Education and Department of

126 Health.-

127 (1) For purposes of this section, the term "adolescent
128 well-care examination" means a physical, developmental,
129 behavioral, and psychosocial screening and assessment as
130 recommended in the American Academy of Pediatrics' 2017 Bright
131 Futures: Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children,
132 and Adolescents.

133 (2) (a) Each district school board and the governing
134 authority of each private school shall require and enforce as a
135 policy that, beginning at 12 years of age and continuing through
136 18 years of age, each child who is entitled to entrance into a
137 public or private school in this state must present a
138 certification each school year that he or she received an
139 adolescent well-care examination each school year. The district
140 school board or the governing authority, as appropriate, shall
141 refuse admittance to any child otherwise entitled to admittance
142 to a public or private school who is not in compliance with this
143 section. The parent of a child who is at least 12 years of age
144 but not older than 18 years of age and who is admitted to or
145 attending a public or private school is responsible for assuring
146 that the child is in compliance with this section.

147 (b) The district school board or the governing authority,
148 as appropriate, may establish a policy allowing a student up to
149 30 school days to present such certification; however, children
150 experiencing homelessness and children known to the department,

151 as defined in s. 39.0016(1), must be given a temporary exemption
152 for 30 school days. Any district school board that establishes
153 such a policy shall include provisions in its local school
154 health services plan to assist students in obtaining adolescent
155 well-care examinations.

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

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

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

173 (4) Each public or private school shall follow up with
174 each student until proper documentation is obtained. An
175 authorized juvenile justice official shall follow up with each

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176 student who enters a juvenile justice program until proper
177 documentation is obtained.

178 (5) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
179 Department of Health, shall adopt rules to implement this
180 section, including procedures for exempting a child from
181 providing a certification of an adolescent well-care
182 examination.

183 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.