

By the Committee on Education; and Senators Perry and Cruz

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to student athletes; amending s.  
3       1006.165, F.S.; revising requirements for the  
4       availability of automated external defibrillators on  
5       school grounds; delaying implementation of a  
6       requirement that certain school employees and  
7       volunteers complete specified training; requiring that  
8       a school employee or volunteer who has received the  
9       training be present at certain athletic activities, by  
10      a specified date; requiring the Florida High School  
11      Athletic Association to establish certain requirements  
12      relating to student athlete safety; amending s.  
13      1006.20, F.S.; requiring that a medical evaluation be  
14      performed before a student begins conditioning;  
15      applying requirements related to medical evaluations  
16      to activities occurring outside the school year;  
17      providing an effective date.

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

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21       Section 1. Section 1006.165, Florida Statutes, is amended  
22       to read:

23       1006.165 Well-being of students participating in  
24       extracurricular activities ~~Automated external defibrillator;~~  
25       ~~user~~ training.—

26       (1) (a) Each public school that is a member of the Florida  
27       High School Athletic Association must have an operational  
28       automated external defibrillator on the school grounds. The  
29       defibrillator must be available in a clearly marked and

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30 publicized location for each athletic contest, practice,  
31 workout, or conditioning session, including those conducted  
32 outside of the school year. Public and private partnerships are  
33 encouraged to cover the cost associated with the purchase and  
34 placement of the defibrillator and training in the use of the  
35 defibrillator.

36 (b)(2) Beginning June 1, 2021, a school employee or  
37 volunteer with current training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
38 and use of a defibrillator must be present at each athletic  
39 event during and outside of the school year, including  
40 practices, workouts, and conditioning sessions. The training  
41 received by the employee or volunteer must include ~~Each school~~  
42 ~~must ensure that all employees or volunteers who are reasonably~~  
43 ~~expected to use the device obtain appropriate training,~~  
44 ~~including~~ completion of a course in cardiopulmonary  
45 resuscitation or a basic first aid course that includes  
46 cardiopulmonary resuscitation training, and demonstrated  
47 proficiency in the use of an automated external defibrillator.  
48 All employees or volunteers who may be reasonably expected to  
49 use a defibrillator must complete the training.

50 (c)(3) The location of each automated external  
51 defibrillator must be registered with a local emergency medical  
52 services medical director. Each individual required to complete  
53 the training under paragraph (b) must be notified annually of  
54 the location of each defibrillator on the school grounds.

55 (2) (a) In order to better protect student athletes  
56 participating in athletics during hot weather and to avoid  
57 preventable injury or death, the Florida High School Athletic  
58 Association shall:

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59       1. Make training and resources available to each member  
60 school for the effective monitoring of heat stress.

61       2. Establish guidelines for monitoring heat stress and  
62 identify heat stress levels at which a school must make a  
63 cooling zone available for each outdoor athletic contest,  
64 practice, workout, or conditioning session. Heat stress must be  
65 determined by measuring the ambient temperature, humidity, wind  
66 speed, sun angle, and cloud cover at the site of the athletic  
67 activity.

68       3. Require member schools to monitor heat stress and modify  
69 athletic activities, including suspending or moving activities,  
70 based on the heat stress guidelines.

71       4. Establish hydration guidelines, including appropriate  
72 introduction of electrolytes after extended activities or when a  
73 student participates in multiple activities in a day.

74       5. Establish requirements for cooling zones, including, at  
75 a minimum, the immediate availability of cold-water immersion  
76 tubs or equivalent means to rapidly cool internal body  
77 temperature when a student exhibits symptoms of exertional  
78 heatstroke and the presence of an employee or volunteer trained  
79 to administer cold-water immersion.

80       6. Require each school's emergency action plan, as required  
81 by the Florida High School Athletic Association, to include a  
82 procedure for onsite cooling using cold-water immersion or  
83 equivalent means before a student is transported to a hospital  
84 for exertional heatstroke.

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86 The requirements of this paragraph apply year round.

87       (b) Each athletic coach and sponsor of extracurricular

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88 activities involving outdoor practices or events shall annually  
89 complete training in exertional heat illness identification,  
90 prevention, and response, including the effective administration  
91 of cooling zones.

92 (4) The use of automated external defibrillators by  
93 employees and volunteers is covered under ss. 768.13 and  
94 768.1325.

95 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
96 1006.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

97 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

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

99 (c) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that require all students  
100 participating in interscholastic athletic competition or who are  
101 candidates for an interscholastic athletic team to  
102 satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year prior to  
103 participating in interscholastic athletic competition or  
104 engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, conditioning, or  
105 other physical activity associated with the student's candidacy  
106 for an interscholastic athletic team, including activities that  
107 occur outside of the school year. Such medical evaluation may be  
108 administered only by a practitioner licensed under chapter 458,  
109 chapter 459, chapter 460, or s. 464.012, and in good standing  
110 with the practitioner's regulatory board. The bylaws must ~~shall~~  
111 establish requirements for eliciting a student's medical history  
112 and performing the medical evaluation required under this  
113 paragraph, which must ~~shall~~ include a physical assessment of the  
114 student's physical capabilities to participate in  
115 interscholastic athletic competition as contained in a uniform  
116 preparticipation physical evaluation and history form. The

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117 evaluation form must ~~shall~~ incorporate the recommendations of  
118 the American Heart Association for participation cardiovascular  
119 screening and ~~shall~~ provide a place for the signature of the  
120 practitioner performing the evaluation with an attestation that  
121 each examination procedure listed on the form was performed by  
122 the practitioner or by someone under the direct supervision of  
123 the practitioner. The form ~~shall~~ also must contain a place for  
124 the practitioner to indicate if a referral to another  
125 practitioner was made in lieu of completion of a certain  
126 examination procedure. The form must ~~shall~~ provide a place for  
127 the practitioner to whom the student was referred to complete  
128 the remaining sections and attest to that portion of the  
129 examination. The preparticipation physical evaluation form must  
130 ~~shall~~ advise students to complete a cardiovascular assessment  
131 and must ~~shall~~ include information concerning alternative  
132 cardiovascular evaluation and diagnostic tests. Results of such  
133 medical evaluation must be provided to the school. A student is  
134 not eligible to participate, as provided in s. 1006.15(3), in  
135 any interscholastic athletic competition or engage in any  
136 practice, tryout, workout, or other physical activity associated  
137 with the student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic  
138 team until the results of the medical evaluation have been  
139 received and approved by the school.

140 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.