

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to K-12 student athletes; amending s.
 3 1006.165, F.S.; revising requirements for the
 4 availability of automated external defibrillators on
 5 school grounds; revising training requirements for
 6 certain individuals related to cardiopulmonary
 7 resuscitation and use of automated external
 8 defibrillators; requiring that an individual with
 9 specified training be present at certain athletic
 10 activities; providing notification requirements for
 11 the locations of specified automated external
 12 defibrillators; requiring the Florida High School
 13 Athletic Association to establish certain requirements
 14 relating to student athlete safety; requiring certain
 15 individuals to complete specified training annually;
 16 requiring the association to notify member schools of
 17 certain policy changes; amending s. 1006.20, F.S.;
 18 revising requirements for a specified medical
 19 evaluation; providing an effective date.

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

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 23 Section 1. Section 1006.165, Florida Statutes, is amended
 24 to read:
 25 1006.165 Wellbeing of students participating in

26 | extracurricular activities ~~Automated external defibrillator;~~
27 | ~~user~~ training.—

28 | (1) (a) Each public school that is a member of the Florida
29 | High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) must have an
30 | operational automated external defibrillator on the school
31 | grounds. The defibrillator must be available in a clearly marked
32 | and publicized location for each athletic contest, practice,
33 | workout, or conditioning session, including those conducted
34 | outside of the school year. Public and private partnerships are
35 | encouraged to cover the cost associated with the purchase and
36 | placement of the defibrillator and training in the use of the
37 | defibrillator.

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

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

57 (d) (4) The use of ~~automated external~~ defibrillators by
58 employees and volunteers is covered under ss. 768.13 and
59 768.1325.

60 (2) (a) In order to better protect student athletes
61 participating in athletics during hot weather and avoid
62 preventable injury or death, the FHSAA shall:

63 1. Make training and resources available to each member
64 school for appropriate environment monitoring procedures using
65 WetBulb Globe Temperature and heat index levels.

66 2. Establish WetBulb Globe Temperature and heat index
67 levels at which a school must make a cooling zone available for
68 each outdoor athletic contest, practice, workout, or
69 conditioning session.

70 3. Require member schools to use environment monitoring
71 and modify athletic activities, including suspending or moving
72 activities, based on WetBulb Globe Temperature and heat index
73 levels.

74 4. Establish hydration guidelines, including appropriate
75 introduction of electrolytes after extended activities or when

76 | there are multiple activities in a day.

77 | 5. Establish requirements for cooling zones, including, at
78 | a minimum, the immediate availability of cold-water immersion
79 | tubs or equivalent materials to rapidly cool internal body
80 | temperature when a student exhibits symptoms of exertional heat
81 | stroke and the presence of an employee or volunteer trained to
82 | implement cold-water immersion.

83 | 6. Require each school's emergency action plan, as
84 | required by the FHSAA, to include a procedure for onsite cooling
85 | using cold-water immersion or its equivalent before a student is
86 | transported to a hospital for exertional heat stroke.

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88 | The requirements of this paragraph apply during and outside of
89 | the school year.

90 | (b) Each athletic coach and sponsor of extracurricular
91 | activities involving outdoor practices or events shall annually
92 | complete training in exertional heat illness identification,
93 | prevention, and response, including effective administration of
94 | cooling zones.

95 | (3) The board of directors for the FHSAA shall notify each
96 | member school of any policy change recommended by the Sports
97 | Medicine Advisory Committee that it considers at a board meeting
98 | but does not adopt as recommended. The notification must include
99 | the board's rationale for not adopting the recommendation as
100 | proposed by the committee and must be provided in writing to

101 each member school within 30 days of the board meeting.

102 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
103 1006.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

104 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

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

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

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

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