

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to electrocardiograms for student
 3 athletes; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; conforming
 4 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.
 5 1006.20, F.S.; requiring certain students to receive
 6 an electrocardiogram to participate in interscholastic
 7 athletic competition; providing an exemption from such
 8 procedure; providing requirements for such exemption;
 9 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 (b) of subsection (17) of section
 14 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public
 16 school students must receive accurate and timely information
 17 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed
 18 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12
 19 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory
 20 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

21 (17) ATHLETICS; PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.—

22 (b) Medical evaluation and electrocardiogram.—Students
 23 must satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year and, if
 24 applicable, an electrocardiogram before participating in
 25 athletics, unless the parent objects in writing based on

26 religious tenets or practices or, for an electrocardiogram only,
27 provides a written recommendation stating that the student does
28 not require an electrocardiogram, in accordance with ~~the~~
29 ~~provisions of s. 1006.20(2) (d).~~

30 Section 2. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (2) of
31 section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

32 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

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

34 (c)1. The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that require all
35 students participating in interscholastic athletic competition
36 or who are candidates for an interscholastic athletic team to
37 satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year before
38 participating in interscholastic athletic competition or
39 engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, conditioning, or
40 other physical activity associated with the student's candidacy
41 for an interscholastic athletic team, including activities that
42 occur outside of the school year. Such medical evaluation may be
43 administered only by a practitioner licensed under chapter 458,
44 chapter 459, chapter 460, or s. 464.012 or registered under s.
45 464.0123 and in good standing with the practitioner's regulatory
46 board. The bylaws shall establish requirements for eliciting a
47 student's medical history and performing the medical evaluation
48 required under this paragraph, which shall include a physical
49 assessment of the student's physical capabilities to participate
50 in interscholastic athletic competition as contained in a

51 uniform preparticipation physical evaluation and history form.
52 The evaluation form shall incorporate the recommendations of the
53 American Heart Association for participation cardiovascular
54 screening and shall provide a place for the signature of the
55 practitioner performing the evaluation with an attestation that
56 each examination procedure listed on the form was performed by
57 the practitioner or by someone under the direct supervision of
58 the practitioner. The form shall also contain a place for the
59 practitioner to indicate if a referral to another practitioner
60 was made in lieu of completion of a certain examination
61 procedure. The form shall provide a place for the practitioner
62 to whom the student was referred to complete the remaining
63 sections and attest to that portion of the examination. The
64 preparticipation physical evaluation form shall advise students
65 to complete a cardiovascular assessment and shall include
66 information concerning alternative cardiovascular evaluation and
67 diagnostic tests. Results of such medical evaluation must be
68 provided to the school. A student is not eligible to
69 participate, as provided in s. 1006.15(3), in any
70 interscholastic athletic competition or engage in any practice,
71 tryout, workout, or other physical activity associated with the
72 student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic team until
73 the results of the medical evaluation have been received and
74 approved by the school.

75 2. In addition to the requirements of subparagraph 1., the

76 following students must also receive an electrocardiogram:

77 a. For the 2022-2023 school year, each student who is
78 participating in interscholastic athletic competition or who is
79 a candidate for an interscholastic athletic team.

80 b. Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year and thereafter,
81 each student in grades 6 through 8 who for the first time is
82 participating in interscholastic athletic competition or who is
83 a candidate for an interscholastic athletic team.

84 c. Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year and thereafter,
85 each student in grades 9 through 12 who for the first time since
86 entering grade 9 is participating in interscholastic athletic
87 competition or who is a candidate for an interscholastic
88 athletic team.

89 (d) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ paragraph (c), a
90 student may participate in interscholastic athletic competition
91 or be a candidate for an interscholastic athletic team if the
92 parent of the student objects in writing to the student
93 undergoing a medical evaluation or receiving an
94 electrocardiogram because such evaluation or electrocardiogram
95 is contrary to his or her religious tenets or practices.

96 However, in such case, there shall be no liability on the part
97 of any person or entity in a position to otherwise rely on the
98 results of such medical evaluation or electrocardiogram for any
99 damages resulting from the student's injury or death arising
100 directly from the student's participation in interscholastic

101 athletics where an undisclosed medical condition that would have
102 been revealed in the medical evaluation or electrocardiogram is
103 a proximate cause of the injury or death. If the parent of a
104 student objects in writing to the student receiving an
105 electrocardiogram because such electrocardiogram is contrary to
106 his or her religious tenets or practices, such parent must
107 provide a written release of such liability from an attorney in
108 good standing with The Florida Bar. Such parent may also provide
109 a written recommendation stating that the student does not
110 require an electrocardiogram from a practitioner licensed under
111 chapter 458 or chapter 459 and in good standing with the
112 practitioner's regulatory board.

113 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.