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The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Simon) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Second Chance Act."

Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (17) of section 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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



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

15 (17) ATHLETICS; PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.—

16 (b) *Medical evaluation and electrocardiogram*.—Students must  
17 satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year and, as  
18 applicable under s. 1006.20, receive an electrocardiogram before  
19 participating in athletics, unless the parent objects in writing  
20 based on religious tenets or practices or provides a written  
21 statement from a physician that the student does not require an  
22 electrocardiogram, in accordance with ~~the provisions of~~ s.  
23 1006.20(2)(d).

24 Section 3. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (2) of  
25 section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

26 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

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

28 (c) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that require the  
29 following:

30 1. ~~Require~~ All students participating in interscholastic  
31 athletic competition or who are candidates for an  
32 interscholastic athletic team to satisfactorily pass a medical  
33 evaluation each year before participating in interscholastic  
34 athletic competition or engaging in any practice, tryout,  
35 workout, conditioning, or other physical activity associated  
36 with the student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic  
37 team, including activities that occur outside of the school  
38 year. Such medical evaluation may be administered only by a  
39 practitioner licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter



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40 460, or s. 464.012 or registered under s. 464.0123 and in good  
41 standing with the practitioner's regulatory board. The bylaws  
42 shall establish requirements for eliciting a student's medical  
43 history and performing the medical evaluation required under  
44 this paragraph, which shall include a physical assessment of the  
45 student's physical capabilities to participate in  
46 interscholastic athletic competition as contained in a uniform  
47 preparticipation physical evaluation and history form. The  
48 evaluation form must ~~shall~~ incorporate the recommendations of  
49 the American Heart Association for participation cardiovascular  
50 screening and must ~~shall~~ provide a place for the signature of  
51 the practitioner performing the evaluation with an attestation  
52 that each examination procedure listed on the form was performed  
53 by the practitioner or by someone under the direct supervision  
54 of the practitioner. The form must ~~shall~~ also contain a place  
55 for the practitioner to indicate if a referral to another  
56 practitioner was made in lieu of completion of a certain  
57 examination procedure. The form must ~~shall~~ provide a place for  
58 the practitioner to whom the student was referred to complete  
59 the remaining sections and attest to that portion of the  
60 examination. The preparticipation physical evaluation form must  
61 ~~shall~~ advise students to complete a cardiovascular assessment  
62 and must ~~shall~~ include information concerning alternative  
63 cardiovascular evaluation and diagnostic tests. Results of such  
64 medical evaluation must be provided to the school. A student is  
65 not eligible to participate, as provided in s. 1006.15(3), in  
66 any interscholastic athletic competition or engage in any  
67 practice, tryout, workout, or other physical activity associated  
68 with the student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic



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69 team until the results of the medical evaluation have been  
70 received and approved by the school.

71 2. Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, students  
72 identified by the FHSAA who participate in interscholastic  
73 athletic competition or are candidates for an interscholastic  
74 athletic team must receive an electrocardiogram as a part of the  
75 student's medical evaluation. The FHSAA shall adopt a schedule  
76 to require that, by the 2028-2029 school year, each student who  
77 participates in interscholastic athletic competition or is a  
78 candidate for an interscholastic athletic team has received at  
79 least one electrocardiogram as a part of the student's medical  
80 evaluation before participation. The FHSAA bylaws must specify  
81 those students who must receive an electrocardiogram in the  
82 2029-2030 school year and thereafter.

83 (d)1. Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ paragraph (c), a  
84 student may participate in interscholastic athletic competition  
85 or be a candidate for an interscholastic athletic team if the  
86 parent of the student objects in writing to the student  
87 undergoing a medical evaluation or receiving an  
88 electrocardiogram because such evaluation or electrocardiogram  
89 is contrary to his or her religious tenets or practices.  
90 However, in such case, there shall be no liability on the part  
91 of any person or entity in a position to otherwise rely on the  
92 results of such medical evaluation or electrocardiogram for any  
93 damages resulting from the student's injury or death arising  
94 directly from the student's participation in interscholastic  
95 athletics when ~~where~~ an undisclosed medical condition that would  
96 have been revealed in the medical evaluation or  
97 electrocardiogram is a proximate cause of the injury or death.



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98 If a parent of a student objects in writing to the student  
99 receiving an electrocardiogram on the grounds that it is  
100 contrary to the parent's or student's religious tenets or  
101 practices, the parent must provide a written release of  
102 liability prepared by an attorney in good standing with The  
103 Florida Bar. Alternatively, a parent may provide a written  
104 statement from a practitioner licensed under chapter 458 or  
105 chapter 459 and in good standing with the practitioner's  
106 regulatory board that the student does not require an  
107 electrocardiogram.

108 2. The FHSAA shall develop a standard form to document  
109 exceptions granted under this paragraph.

110 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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114 And the title is amended as follows:

115 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
116 and insert:

117 A bill to be entitled

118 An act relating to electrocardiograms for student  
119 athletes; providing a short title; amending s.

120 1002.20, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made  
121 by the act; amending s. 1006.20, F.S.; requiring  
122 certain students to receive an electrocardiogram to  
123 participate in athletics, beginning on a specified  
124 date; requiring the Florida High School Athletic  
125 Association (FHSAA) to adopt a schedule requiring  
126 that, by a specified date, certain students receive,



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127 before competing, at least one electrocardiogram as a  
128 part of their medical evaluation; requiring that the  
129 FHSAA bylaws specify those students who must receive  
130 an electrocardiogram; revising provisions related to  
131 parental objections to requirements for participation  
132 in athletics to include objection to  
133 electrocardiograms; requiring that parents who object  
134 to an electrocardiogram provide a specified release  
135 from liability; requiring the FHSAA to develop a  
136 standard form to document exceptions; providing an  
137 effective date.