

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Shoaf offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 37-158 and insert:

(b) *Medical evaluation and electrocardiogram.*—Before participating in athletics, students must:

1. Satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year ~~before participating in athletics,~~ unless the parent objects in writing based on religious tenets or practices, in accordance with ~~the provisions of~~ s. 1006.20(2)(d); and

2. As applicable under s. 1006.20, receive an electrocardiogram, unless the parent objects in writing based on religious tenets or practices or secures a certificate of

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14 medical exception in accordance with s. 1006.20(2)(d) or the
15 school district is unable to obtain a public or private
16 partnership for the provision of an electrocardiogram pursuant
17 to s. 1006.165.

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

20 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

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

22 (c)1. The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that require all
23 students participating in interscholastic athletic competition
24 or who are candidates for an interscholastic athletic team to
25 satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year before
26 participating in interscholastic athletic competition or
27 engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, conditioning, or
28 other physical activity associated with the student's candidacy
29 for an interscholastic athletic team, including activities that
30 occur outside of the school year. Such medical evaluation may be
31 administered only by a practitioner licensed under chapter 458,
32 chapter 459, chapter 460, or s. 464.012 or registered under s.
33 464.0123, or a practitioner who holds an active equivalent
34 licensure issued by the state in which the medical evaluation is
35 performed, and in good standing with the practitioner's
36 regulatory board. The electrocardiogram required under
37 subparagraph 4. shall be administered in accordance with
38 standards established by the FHSAA's Sports Medicine Advisory

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39 Committee. An electrocardiogram completed up to 2 years prior to
40 the 2026-2027 school year satisfies this requirement.

41 2. The FHSAA bylaws must ~~shall~~ establish requirements for
42 eliciting a student's medical history and performing the medical
43 evaluation and electrocardiogram required under this paragraph,
44 which shall include a physical assessment of the student's
45 physical capabilities to participate in interscholastic athletic
46 competition as contained in a uniform preparticipation physical
47 evaluation and history form. The evaluation form must: ~~shall~~

48 a. Incorporate the recommendations of the American Heart
49 Association for participation cardiovascular screening.

50 b. ~~and shall~~ Provide a place for the signature of the
51 practitioner performing the evaluation with an attestation that
52 each examination procedure listed on the form was performed by
53 the practitioner or by someone under the direct supervision of
54 the practitioner. The form must ~~shall~~ also contain a place for
55 the practitioner to indicate whether ~~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.

61 c. ~~The preparticipation physical evaluation form shall~~
62 Advise students to complete a cardiovascular assessment and
63 electrocardiogram, ~~shall~~ include information concerning

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64 alternative cardiovascular evaluation and diagnostic tests, and
65 require the results of such medical evaluation to ~~must~~ be
66 provided to the school.

67 3. A student is not eligible to participate, as provided
68 in s. 1006.15(3), in any interscholastic athletic competition or
69 engage in any practice, tryout, workout, or other physical
70 activity associated with the student's candidacy for an
71 interscholastic athletic team until the results of the medical
72 evaluation have been received and approved by the school.

73 4. Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year and thereafter,
74 the first time a student who is in grades 9 through 12
75 participates in an interscholastic athletic competition or is a
76 candidate for an interscholastic athletic team, he or she shall
77 complete at least one electrocardiogram screening that meets the
78 requirements of s. 1006.165.

79 (d) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ paragraph (c), a
80 student shall be granted an exception to the electrocardiogram
81 requirement if the parent of the student objects in writing to
82 the student receiving an electrocardiogram because the
83 electrocardiogram is contrary to his or her religious tenets or
84 practices or if a physician licensed under chapter 458 or
85 chapter 459 in good standing with the Board of Medicine or Board
86 of Osteopathic Medicine, as applicable, provides a certificate
87 of medical exception. A student may participate in
88 interscholastic athletic competition or be a candidate for an

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89 interscholastic athletic team if the parent of the student
90 objects in writing to the student undergoing a medical
91 evaluation because such evaluation is contrary to his or her
92 religious tenets or practices. However, in ~~such~~ case of any such
93 exception or objection, there shall be no liability on the part
94 of any person or entity in a position to otherwise rely on the
95 results of such medical evaluation or electrocardiogram for any
96 damages resulting from the student's injury or death arising
97 directly from the student's participation in interscholastic
98 athletics where an undisclosed medical condition that would have
99 been revealed in the medical evaluation or electrocardiogram is
100 a proximate cause of the injury or death.

101 (n) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws or policies that prohibit
102 a student athlete who receives an abnormal electrocardiogram
103 result from participating in tryouts, practice, or competition
104 until the student submits to the school a written medical
105 clearance to participate. Medical clearance must be authorized
106 by an appropriate health care practitioner listed in
107 subparagraph (c)1. who is trained in the diagnosis, evaluation,
108 and management of electrocardiograms. There shall be no
109 liability on the part of a school district in a position to
110 otherwise rely on the results of the electrocardiogram and
111 medical clearance for any damages resulting from the student's
112 injury or death arising from a cardiac event due to the
113 student's participation in interscholastic athletics.

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114 **Section 4. Subsection (3) is added to section 1006.165,**
115 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

116 1006.165 Well-being of students participating in
117 extracurricular activities; training.-

118 (3) Each school district must pursue public and private
119 partnerships to provide low-cost electrocardiograms to the
120 student. A student athlete is exempt from the requirement in s.
121 1006.20(2)(c)4. if he or she resides in a school district that
122 is unable to obtain a public or private partnership to provide
123 an electrocardiogram at a rate of less than \$50 per student.

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126 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

127 Remove lines 6-22 and insert:

128 1006.20, F.S.; authorizing certain out-of-state
129 licensed practitioners to conduct medical evaluations;
130 requiring certain electrocardiograms to be
131 administered in accordance with specified standards;
132 providing that specified electrocardiograms satisfy
133 certain requirements; requiring certain students to
134 complete at least one electrocardiogram screening to
135 participate in interscholastic athletic competition
136 beginning in a specified school year; providing an
137 exemption from such requirements; requiring the
138 Florida High School Athletic Association to adopt

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139 | bylaws and policies prohibiting students with abnormal
140 | electrocardiograms from participating in
141 | interscholastic athletic competition until a written
142 | medical clearance is submitted to the school;
143 | providing requirements for such written medical
144 | clearance; providing immunity from liability; amending
145 | s. 1006.165, F.S.; requiring school districts to
146 | pursue specified public and private partnerships for
147 | the provisions of electrocardiograms to students;
148 | providing an exemption for students from such
149 | procedures under certain circumstances; providing an
150 | effective date.

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