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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
03/19/2025	.	
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The Committee on Health Policy (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 licensed under chapter 458 or chapter
22 459 that the student does not require an electrocardiogram, in
23 accordance with ~~the provisions of~~ s. 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 to 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 include
81 the criteria used to determine the students required to receive
82 an electrocardiogram in the 2029-2030 school year and
83 thereafter.

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



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98 electrocardiogram is a proximate cause of the injury or death.
99 If a parent of a student objects in writing to the student
100 receiving an electrocardiogram on the grounds that it is
101 contrary to the parent's or student's religious tenets or
102 practices, the parent must provide a written release of
103 liability prepared by an attorney in good standing with The
104 Florida Bar. Alternatively, a parent may provide a written
105 statement from a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter
106 459 and in good standing with the applicable regulatory board
107 that the student does not require an 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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112 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

113 And the title is amended as follows:

114 Delete everything before the enacting clause
115 and insert:

116 A bill to be entitled
117 An act relating to electrocardiograms for student
118 athletes; providing a short title; amending s.
119 1002.20, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made
120 by the act; amending s. 1006.20, F.S.; requiring
121 certain students to receive an electrocardiogram to
122 participate in athletics, beginning on a specified
123 date; requiring the Florida High School Athletic
124 Association (FHSAA) to adopt a schedule requiring
125 that, by a specified date, certain students receive,
126 before competing, at least one electrocardiogram as a



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127 part of their medical evaluation; requiring that the
128 FHSAA bylaws include the criteria used to determine
129 the students required to receive an electrocardiogram;
130 revising provisions related to parental objections to
131 requirements for participation in athletics to include
132 objection to electrocardiograms; requiring that
133 parents who object to an electrocardiogram provide a
134 specified release from liability; requiring the FHSAA
135 to develop a standard form to document exceptions;
136 providing an effective date.