

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/CS/SB 1070

INTRODUCER: Fiscal Policy Committee; Health Policy Committee; Education Pre-K -12 Committee; and Senator Simon

SUBJECT: Electrocardiograms for Student Athletes

DATE: April 30, 2025

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment - 279473 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 279473 modifies the provisions of the bill as follows:

- Advancing the implementation date of the electrocardiogram (ECG) requirement from the 2028–2029 school year to the 2026–2027 school year.
- Requiring that students in grades 9 through 12 who are participating in interscholastic athletics or are candidates for a team for the first time complete at least one ECG screening that meets the requirements of s. 1006.165, F.S.
- Allowing an ECG completed up to two years prior to the 2026–2027 school year to satisfy the requirement.
- Removing the provision that permitted students attending boarding schools to satisfy the evaluation requirement through out-of-state licensed practitioners under s. 409.175(17), F.S.
- Mandating that the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) adopt bylaws prohibiting students with abnormal ECG results from participating in athletic activities until they submit written medical clearance from a qualified health care practitioner trained in interpreting ECGs.
- Requiring each school district to pursue public and private partnerships to provide low-cost ECGs and exempting students from the ECG requirement if the district is unable to secure a partnership offering ECGs at a cost of less than \$50 per student, as specified in s. 1006.165(3), F.S.
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