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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to electrocardiograms for student athletes; providing a short title; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; making technical changes; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1006.20, F.S.; authorizing certain out-of-state licensed practitioners to conduct medical evaluations; requiring certain electrocardiograms to be administered in accordance with specified standards; providing that specified electrocardiograms satisfy certain requirements; requiring certain students to complete at least one electrocardiogram screening to participate in interscholastic athletic competition beginning in a specified school year; providing an exemption from such requirements; requiring the Florida High School Athletic Association to adopt bylaws and policies prohibiting students with abnormal electrocardiograms from participating in interscholastic athletic competition until a written medical clearance is submitted to the school; providing requirements for such written medical clearance; providing immunity from liability; amending s. 1006.165, F.S.; requiring school districts to pursue specified public and private partnerships for the provision of electrocardiograms to students; providing an exemption for students from such procedures under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

(17) ATHLETICS; PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.—

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

Section 3. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (2) of section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (n) is added to that subsection, to read:

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1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

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

(c)1. The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that require all students participating in interscholastic athletic competition or who are candidates for an interscholastic athletic team to satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year before participating in interscholastic athletic competition or engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, conditioning, or other physical activity associated with the student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic team, including activities that occur outside of the school year. Such medical evaluation may be administered only by a practitioner licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, or s. 464.012 or registered under s. 464.0123, or a practitioner who holds an active equivalent licensure issued by the state in which the medical evaluation is performed, and in good standing with the practitioner's regulatory board. The electrocardiogram required under subparagraph 4. shall be administered in accordance with standards established by the FHSAA's Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. An electrocardiogram completed up to 2 years prior to the 2026-2027 school year satisfies this requirement.

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

a. Incorporate the recommendations of the American Heart

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88 Association for participation cardiovascular screening.

89 b. ~~and shall~~ Provide a place for the signature of the  
90 practitioner performing the evaluation with an attestation that  
91 each examination procedure listed on the form was performed by  
92 the practitioner or by someone under the direct supervision of  
93 the practitioner. The form must ~~shall~~ also contain a place for  
94 the practitioner to indicate whether ~~if~~ a referral to another  
95 practitioner was made in lieu of completion of a certain  
96 examination procedure. The form must ~~shall~~ provide a place for  
97 the practitioner to whom the student was referred to complete  
98 the remaining sections and attest to that portion of the  
99 examination.

100 c. ~~The preparticipation physical evaluation form shall~~  
101 Advise students to complete a cardiovascular assessment and  
102 electrocardiogram, ~~shall~~ include information concerning  
103 alternative cardiovascular evaluation and diagnostic tests, and  
104 require the- results of such medical evaluation to ~~must~~ be  
105 provided to the school.

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

112 4. Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year and thereafter,  
113 the first time a student who is in grades 9 through 12  
114 participates in an interscholastic athletic competition or is a  
115 candidate for an interscholastic athletic team, he or she shall  
116 complete at least one electrocardiogram screening that meets the

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117 requirements of s. 1006.165.

118 (d) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ paragraph (c), a  
119 student shall be granted an exception to the electrocardiogram  
120 requirement if the parent of the student objects in writing to  
121 the student receiving an electrocardiogram because the  
122 electrocardiogram is contrary to his or her religious tenets or  
123 practices or if a physician licensed under chapter 458 or  
124 chapter 459 in good standing with the Board of Medicine or Board  
125 of Osteopathic Medicine, as applicable, provides a certificate  
126 of medical exception. A student may participate in  
127 interscholastic athletic competition or be a candidate for an  
128 interscholastic athletic team if the parent of the student  
129 objects in writing to the student undergoing a medical  
130 evaluation because such evaluation is contrary to his or her  
131 religious tenets or practices. However, in ~~such~~ case of any such  
132 exception or objection, there shall be no liability on the part  
133 of any person or entity in a position to otherwise rely on the  
134 results of such medical evaluation or electrocardiogram for any  
135 damages resulting from the student's injury or death arising  
136 directly from the student's participation in interscholastic  
137 athletics where an undisclosed medical condition that would have  
138 been revealed in the medical evaluation or electrocardiogram is  
139 a proximate cause of the injury or death.

140 (n) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws or policies that prohibit  
141 a student athlete who receives an abnormal electrocardiogram  
142 result from participating in tryouts, practice, or competition  
143 until the student submits to the school a written medical  
144 clearance to participate. Medical clearance must be authorized  
145 by an appropriate health care practitioner listed in

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146 subparagraph (c)1. who is trained in the diagnosis, evaluation,  
147 and management of electrocardiograms. There shall be no  
148 liability on the part of a school district in a position to  
149 otherwise rely on the results of the electrocardiogram and  
150 medical clearance for any damages resulting from the student's  
151 injury or death arising from a cardiac event due to the  
152 student's participation in interscholastic athletics.

153 Section 4. Subsection (3) is added to section 1006.165,  
154 Florida Statutes, to read:

155 1006.165 Well-being of students participating in  
156 extracurricular activities; training.—

157 (3) Each school district must pursue public and private  
158 partnerships to provide low-cost electrocardiograms to the  
159 student. A student athlete is exempt from the requirement in s.  
160 1006.20(2)(c)4. if he or she resides in a school district that  
161 is unable to obtain a public or private partnership to provide  
162 an electrocardiogram at a rate of less than \$50 per student.

163 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.