

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to electrocardiograms for student
 3 athletes; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; conforming
 4 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.
 5 1006.20, F.S.; requiring certain students to receive
 6 an electrocardiogram to participate in interscholastic
 7 athletic competition; providing an exemption from such
 8 procedure; providing immunity from liability;
 9 providing an effective date.

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

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 13 **Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (17) of section**
 14 **1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

15 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public
 16 school students must receive accurate and timely information
 17 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed
 18 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12
 19 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory
 20 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

21 (17) ATHLETICS; PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.—

22 (b) Medical evaluation and electrocardiogram.—Students
 23 must satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year and, if
 24 applicable, an electrocardiogram before participating in
 25 athletics, unless the parent objects in writing based on

26 religious tenets or practices, in accordance with ~~the provisions~~
27 ~~of~~ s. 1006.20(2)(d).

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

30 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

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

32 (c)1. The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that require all
33 students participating in interscholastic athletic competition
34 or who are candidates for an interscholastic athletic team to
35 satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year before
36 participating in interscholastic athletic competition or
37 engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, conditioning, or
38 other physical activity associated with the student's candidacy
39 for an interscholastic athletic team, including activities that
40 occur outside of the school year. Such medical evaluation may be
41 administered only by a practitioner licensed under chapter 458,
42 chapter 459, chapter 460, or s. 464.012 or registered under s.
43 464.0123 and in good standing with the practitioner's regulatory
44 board. The bylaws shall establish requirements for eliciting a
45 student's medical history and performing the medical evaluation
46 required under this paragraph, which shall include a physical
47 assessment of the student's physical capabilities to participate
48 in interscholastic athletic competition as contained in a
49 uniform preparticipation physical evaluation and history form.
50 The evaluation form shall incorporate the recommendations of the

51 American Heart Association for participation cardiovascular
52 screening and shall provide a place for the signature of the
53 practitioner performing the evaluation with an attestation that
54 each examination procedure listed on the form was performed by
55 the practitioner or by someone under the direct supervision of
56 the practitioner. The form shall also contain a place for the
57 practitioner to indicate if a referral to another practitioner
58 was made in lieu of completion of a certain examination
59 procedure. The form shall provide a place for the practitioner
60 to whom the student was referred to complete the remaining
61 sections and attest to that portion of the examination. The
62 preparticipation physical evaluation form shall advise students
63 to complete a cardiovascular assessment and shall include
64 information concerning alternative cardiovascular evaluation and
65 diagnostic tests. Results of such medical evaluation must be
66 provided to the school. A student is not eligible to
67 participate, as provided in s. 1006.15(3), in any
68 interscholastic athletic competition or engage in any practice,
69 tryout, workout, or other physical activity associated with the
70 student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic team until
71 the results of the medical evaluation have been received and
72 approved by the school.

73 2. In addition to the requirements of subparagraph 1.,
74 each student who is in grades 9 through 12 and is participating
75 in interscholastic athletic competition or who is a candidate

76 for an interscholastic athletic team must also receive an
77 electrocardiogram.

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

93 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.