

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.; authorizing certain out-of-state
 6 licensed practitioners to conduct medical evaluations;
 7 requiring certain students to receive an
 8 electrocardiogram to participate in interscholastic
 9 athletic competition; providing an exemption from such
 10 procedure; providing immunity from liability;
 11 providing an effective date.

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

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 15 **Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (17) of section**
 16 **1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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

- 23 (17) ATHLETICS; PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.—
 24 (b) Medical evaluation and electrocardiogram.—Students
 25 must satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year and, if

26 | applicable, an electrocardiogram before participating in
 27 | athletics, unless the parent objects in writing based on
 28 | religious tenets or practices, in accordance with ~~the provisions~~
 29 | ~~of~~ s. 1006.20(2)(d).

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

32 | 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

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

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

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

76 2. In addition to the requirements of subparagraph 1.,
77 each student who is in grades 9 through 12 and is participating
78 in interscholastic athletic competition or who is a candidate
79 for an interscholastic athletic team must also receive an
80 electrocardiogram.

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

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