

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           and electrocardiograms; requiring certain  
8           electrocardiograms to be provided by specified  
9           licensed practitioners; requiring certain students to  
10          complete at least one electrocardiogram screening to  
11          participate in interscholastic athletic competition  
12          beginning in a specified school year; providing an  
13          exemption from such requirements; requiring the  
14          Florida High School Athletic Association to adopt  
15          bylaws and policies prohibiting students with abnormal  
16          electrocardiograms from participating in  
17          interscholastic athletic competition until a written  
18          medical clearance is submitted to the school;  
19          providing requirements for such written medical  
20          clearance; providing immunity from liability; amending  
21          s. 1006.165, F.S.; requiring school districts to  
22          pursue specified public and private partnerships for  
23          the provisions of electrocardiograms to students;  
24          providing an exemption for students from such  
25          procedure under certain circumstances; providing an

26 effective date.

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

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30 **Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (17) of section**  
 31 **1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

32 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public  
 33 school students must receive accurate and timely information  
 34 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed  
 35 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12  
 36 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory  
 37 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

38 (17) ATHLETICS; PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.—

39 (b) Medical evaluation and electrocardiogram.—Students  
 40 must satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year and, as  
 41 applicable under s. 1006.20, receive an electrocardiogram from  
 42 an appropriate health care practitioner or the school district  
 43 before participating in athletics, unless the parent objects in  
 44 writing based on religious tenets or practices, in accordance  
 45 with ~~the provisions of s. 1006.20(2)(d)~~, or the school district  
 46 is unable to obtain a public or private partnership for the  
 47 provision of an electrocardiogram pursuant to s. 1006.165.

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

51 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

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

53 (c)1. The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that require all  
54 students participating in interscholastic athletic competition  
55 or who are candidates for an interscholastic athletic team to  
56 satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year before  
57 participating in interscholastic athletic competition or  
58 engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, conditioning, or  
59 other physical activity associated with the student's candidacy  
60 for an interscholastic athletic team, including activities that  
61 occur outside of the school year. Such medical evaluation and an  
62 electrocardiogram required under subparagraph 2. may be  
63 administered only by a practitioner licensed under chapter 458,  
64 chapter 459, chapter 460, or s. 464.012 or registered under s.  
65 464.0123, or a practitioner who holds an active equivalent  
66 licensure issued by the state in which the medical evaluation  
67 and electrocardiogram are performed, and in good standing with  
68 the practitioner's regulatory board. The bylaws shall establish  
69 requirements for eliciting a student's medical history and  
70 performing the medical evaluation required under this paragraph,  
71 which shall include a physical assessment of the student's  
72 physical capabilities to participate in interscholastic athletic  
73 competition as contained in a uniform preparticipation physical  
74 evaluation and history form. The evaluation form shall  
75 incorporate the recommendations of the American Heart

76 Association for participation cardiovascular screening and shall  
77 provide a place for the signature of the practitioner performing  
78 the evaluation with an attestation that each examination  
79 procedure listed on the form was performed by the practitioner  
80 or by someone under the direct supervision of the practitioner.  
81 The form shall also contain a place for the practitioner to  
82 indicate if a referral to another practitioner was made in lieu  
83 of completion of a certain examination procedure. The form shall  
84 provide a place for the practitioner to whom the student was  
85 referred to complete the remaining sections and attest to that  
86 portion of the examination. The preparticipation physical  
87 evaluation form shall advise students to complete a  
88 cardiovascular assessment and shall include information  
89 concerning alternative cardiovascular evaluation and diagnostic  
90 tests. Results of such medical evaluation must be provided to  
91 the school. A student is not eligible to participate, as  
92 provided in s. 1006.15(3), in any interscholastic athletic  
93 competition or engage in any practice, tryout, workout, or other  
94 physical activity associated with the student's candidacy for an  
95 interscholastic athletic team until the results of the medical  
96 evaluation have been received and approved by the school.

97 2. Beginning in the 2028-2029 school year and thereafter,  
98 each student who is in grades 9 through 12 and is participating  
99 in interscholastic athletic competition or who is a candidate  
100 for an interscholastic athletic team for the first time must

101 complete at least one electrocardiogram screening that meets the  
102 requirements of s. 1006.165.

103 (d) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ paragraph (c), a  
104 student may participate in interscholastic athletic competition  
105 or be a candidate for an interscholastic athletic team if the  
106 parent of the student objects in writing to the student  
107 undergoing a medical evaluation or receiving an  
108 electrocardiogram because such evaluation or electrocardiogram  
109 is contrary to his or her religious tenets or practices.  
110 However, in such case, there shall be no liability on the part  
111 of any person or entity in a position to otherwise rely on the  
112 results of such medical evaluation or electrocardiogram for any  
113 damages resulting from the student's injury or death arising  
114 directly from the student's participation in interscholastic  
115 athletics where an undisclosed medical condition that would have  
116 been revealed in the medical evaluation or electrocardiogram is  
117 a proximate cause of the injury or death.

118 (n) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws or policies that prohibit  
119 a student athlete who receives an abnormal electrocardiogram  
120 result from participating in tryouts, practice, or competition  
121 until the student submits to the school a written medical  
122 clearance to participate. Medical clearance must be authorized  
123 by an appropriate health care practitioner listed in  
124 subparagraph (c)1. who is trained in the diagnosis, evaluation,  
125 and management of electrocardiograms. There shall be no

126 liability on the part of a school district in a position to  
127 otherwise rely on the results of the electrocardiogram and  
128 medical clearance for any damages resulting from the student's  
129 injury or death arising from a cardiac event due to the  
130 student's participation in interscholastic athletics.

131 **Section 3. Subsection (3) is added to section 1006.165,**  
132 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

133 1006.165 Well-being of students participating in  
134 extracurricular activities; training.—

135 (3) Each school district must pursue public and private  
136 partnerships to provide low-cost electrocardiograms to the  
137 student. A student athlete is exempt from the requirement in s.  
138 1006.20(2)(c)2. if he or she resides in a school district that  
139 is unable to obtain a public or private partnership to provide  
140 an electrocardiogram at a rate of less than \$20 per student.

141 **Section 4.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.