

26 | 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

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

28 | (c) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that authorize a coach,
29 | employed by a school or school district, to support the welfare
30 | of a student he or she coaches by using personal funds to
31 | provide, in good faith, effects such as food, transportation,
32 | physical therapy, and rehabilitation services. The bylaws must
33 | require a parent to provide written consent before a coach may
34 | provide such support to a student. The bylaws must also define
35 | the term "athletic team" to include junior varsity and varsity
36 | levels, based on designation requirements of s. 1006.205(3)(a),
37 | and restrict such use of funds to one coach per athletic team.

38 | 1. A coach who uses personal funds to provide such effects
39 | must report such use to the FHSAA in a manner provided by FHSAA
40 | bylaw.

41 | 2. Such use of personal funds is presumed not to be an
42 | impermissible benefit, unless such use of personal funds is:

43 | a. Not reported;

44 | b. Reported and deemed not to be in good faith by the
45 | FHSAA; or

46 | c. Used for recruiting purposes.

47 | 3. Beginning July 1, 2026, the maximum amount of personal
48 | funds a coach may use per athletic team per year is \$15,000.

49 | Any other organization governing interscholastic athletic
50 | activities shall be subject to the bylaws, policies, and guidelines of the FHSAA.

51 competition in this state may adopt bylaws similar to those
52 required by this paragraph.

53 **Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 768.135, Florida**
54 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

55 768.135 Volunteer team physicians; immunity.—

56 (3) A practitioner licensed under chapter 458, chapter
57 459, chapter 460, or s. 464.012 or registered under s. 464.0123
58 who gratuitously and in good faith conducts an evaluation
59 pursuant to s. 1006.20(2)(d) ~~s. 1006.20(2)(e)~~ is not liable for
60 any civil damages arising from that evaluation unless the
61 evaluation was conducted in a wrongful manner.

62 **Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (17) of section**
63 **1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

64 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public
65 school students must receive accurate and timely information
66 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed
67 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12
68 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory
69 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

70 (17) ATHLETICS; PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.—

71 (b) *Medical evaluation and electrocardiogram.*—Before
72 participating in athletics, students must:

73 1. Satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year,
74 unless the parent objects in writing based on religious tenets
75 or practices, in accordance with s. 1006.20(2)(e) ~~s.~~

76 | ~~1006.20(2)(d)~~; and

77 | 2. As applicable under s. 1006.20, receive an
 78 | electrocardiogram, unless the parent objects in writing based on
 79 | religious tenets or practices or secures a certificate of
 80 | medical exception in accordance with s. 1006.20(2)(e) ~~s.~~
 81 | ~~1006.20(2)(d)~~ or the school district is unable to obtain a
 82 | public or private partnership for the provision of an
 83 | electrocardiogram pursuant to s. 1006.165.

84 | **Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 1006.165, Florida**
 85 | **Statutes, is amended to read:**

86 | 1006.165 Well-being of students participating in
 87 | extracurricular activities; training.—

88 | (3) Each school district must pursue public and private
 89 | partnerships to provide low-cost electrocardiograms to the
 90 | student. A student athlete is exempt from the requirement in s.
 91 | 1006.20(2)(d)4. ~~s. 1006.20(2)(e)4.~~ if he or she resides in a
 92 | school district that is unable to obtain a public or private
 93 | partnership to provide an electrocardiogram at a rate of less
 94 | than \$50 per student.

95 | **Section 5. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section**
 96 | **1012.468, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

97 | 1012.468 Exceptions to certain fingerprinting and criminal
 98 | history checks.—

99 | (2) A district school board shall exempt from the
 100 | screening requirements set forth in ss. 1012.465 and 1012.467

101 | the following noninstructional contractors:

102 | (g) An investigator for the Florida High School Athletic
103 | Association (FHSAA) who meets the requirements under s.
104 | 1006.20(2)(f) ~~s. 1006.20(2)(e)~~.

105 | **Section 6.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.