

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SB 1586

INTRODUCER: Senators Garcia and Farmer

SUBJECT: Student Eligibility for Interscholastic Athletic Competition

DATE: March 31, 2017

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Benvenisty</u>	<u>Graf</u>	<u>ED</u>	<b>Favorable</b>
2.	_____	_____	<u>HP</u>	_____
3.	_____	_____	<u>RC</u>	_____

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**I. Summary:**

SB 1586 requires the preparticipation physical evaluation form to contain information that advises a student to complete cardiovascular assessment including an electrocardiogram. Additionally, the bill clarifies that licensed practitioners must administer the medical evaluation that a student must satisfactorily pass before participating in interscholastic competition or engaging in any practice, tryout, or other physical activity associated with the student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic team.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2017.

**II. Present Situation:**

The Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) is the governing nonprofit organization of athletics in Florida public schools.<sup>1</sup> The FHSAA is required to adopt bylaws regulating student eligibility, residency, transfer, and recruiting in accordance with applicable law.<sup>2</sup>

FHSAA bylaws must require all students participating in interscholastic or intrascholastic athletic competition or who are candidates for an interscholastic to satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year prior to participating in interscholastic athletic competition or engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, or other physical activity associated with the student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic team.<sup>3</sup> Florida law authorizes certain licensed medical practitioners<sup>4</sup> to administer such medical evaluations.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Section 1006.20(1), F.S.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at (2).

<sup>3</sup> Section 1006.20 (2)(c), F.S.

<sup>4</sup> Licensed practitioners include medical practitioners licensed pursuant to Chapter 458, F.S., osteopathic practitioners licensed pursuant to Chapter 459, F.S., chiropractic practitioners licensed pursuant to Chapter 460, F.S., and advanced registered nurse practitioners licensed pursuant to s. 464.012, F.S. Section 1006.20(2)(c), F.S.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

The FHSAA bylaws must also establish requirements for eliciting a student's medical history and performing the medical evaluation pursuant to Florida law, which must 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.<sup>6</sup> The preparticipation evaluation form must:<sup>7</sup>

- Incorporate the recommendations of the American Heart Association for participating in a cardiovascular screening and provide a place for the signature of the practitioner performing the evaluation with an attestation that each examination procedure listed on the form was performed by the practitioner or by someone under the direct supervision of the practitioner.
- Contain a place for the practitioner to indicate if a referral to another practitioner was made in lieu of completion of a certain examination procedure.
- Provide a place for the practitioner to whom the student was referred to complete the remaining sections and attest to that portion of the examination.
- Advise students to complete a cardiovascular assessment and include information concerning alternative cardiovascular evaluation and diagnostic tests.

A student is not eligible to participate in any interscholastic athletic competition or engage in any practice, tryout, workout, or other physical activity until the results of the medical evaluation have been received and approved by the school.<sup>8</sup>

### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

SB 1586 requires the preparticipation physical evaluation form to contain information that advises a student to complete cardiovascular assessment including an electrocardiogram. Additionally, the bill clarifies that licensed practitioners must administer the medical evaluation that a student must satisfactorily pass before participating in interscholastic competition or engaging in any practice, tryout, or other physical activity associated with the student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic team. Accordingly, a medical practitioner completing the preparticipation physical evaluation form are provided with more guidance as to what to include in a cardiovascular assessment.

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### IV. Constitutional Issues:

#### A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

#### B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

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<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill substantially amends section 1006.20 Florida Statutes.

**IX. Additional Information:**

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.