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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to student athletes; amending s.  
3       1006.165, F.S.; revising requirements for the  
4       availability of automated external defibrillators on  
5       school grounds; delaying implementation of a  
6       requirement that certain school employees and  
7       volunteers complete specified training; requiring that  
8       a school employee or volunteer who has received the  
9       training be present at certain athletic activities, by  
10      a specified date; requiring the Florida High School  
11      Athletic Association to establish certain requirements  
12      relating to student athlete safety; requiring the  
13      association to notify member schools of certain  
14      information; amending s. 1006.20, F.S.; requiring that  
15      a medical evaluation be performed before a student  
16      begins conditioning; applying requirements related to  
17      medical evaluations to activities occurring outside  
18      the school year; providing an effective date.

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

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22       Section 1. Section 1006.165, Florida Statutes, is amended  
23 to read:

24       1006.165 Well-being of students participating in  
25 extracurricular activities ~~Automated external defibrillator;~~  
26 ~~user~~ training.—

27       (1) (a) Each public school that is a member of the Florida  
28 High School Athletic Association must have an operational  
29 automated external defibrillator on the school grounds. The

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30 defibrillator must be available in a clearly marked and  
31 publicized location for each athletic contest, practice,  
32 workout, or conditioning session, including those conducted  
33 outside of the school year. Public and private partnerships are  
34 encouraged to cover the cost associated with the purchase and  
35 placement of the defibrillator and training in the use of the  
36 defibrillator.

37 (b)(2) Beginning June 1, 2021, a school employee or  
38 volunteer with current training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
39 and use of a defibrillator must be present at each athletic  
40 event during and outside of the school year, including  
41 practices, workouts, and conditioning sessions. The training  
42 received by the employee or volunteer must include ~~Each school~~  
43 ~~must ensure that all employees or volunteers who are reasonably~~  
44 ~~expected to use the device obtain appropriate training,~~  
45 ~~including~~ completion of a course in cardiopulmonary  
46 resuscitation or a basic first aid course that includes  
47 cardiopulmonary resuscitation training, and demonstrated  
48 proficiency in the use of an automated external defibrillator.  
49 All employees or volunteers who may be reasonably expected to  
50 use a defibrillator must complete the training.

51 (c)(3) The location of each ~~automated external~~  
52 defibrillator must be registered with a local emergency medical  
53 services medical director. Each individual required to complete  
54 the training under paragraph (b) must be notified annually of  
55 the location of each defibrillator on the school grounds.

56 (2) (a) In order to better protect student athletes  
57 participating in athletics during hot weather and to avoid  
58 preventable injury or death, the Florida High School Athletic

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59 Association shall:

60 1. Make available to each member school training and  
61 resources for the effective monitoring of heat stress using  
62 WetBulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) and heat index levels.

63 2. Establish WBGT and heat index levels at which a school  
64 must make a cooling zone available for each outdoor athletic  
65 contest, practice, workout, or conditioning session.

66 3. Require member schools to monitor heat stress using WBGT  
67 and heat index levels and modify athletic activities  
68 accordingly, including suspending or moving activities.

69 4. Establish hydration guidelines, including appropriate  
70 introduction of electrolytes after extended activities or when a  
71 student participates in multiple athletic activities in a day.

72 5. Establish requirements for cooling zones, including, at  
73 a minimum, the immediate availability of cold-water immersion  
74 tubs or equivalent means to rapidly cool internal body  
75 temperature when a student exhibits symptoms of exertional heat  
76 stroke, and for the presence at athletic activities of an  
77 employee or volunteer trained to implement and administer the  
78 cooling zones.

79 6. Require each school's emergency action plan to include a  
80 procedure for onsite cooling using cold-water immersion or  
81 equivalent means before a student is transported to a hospital  
82 for exertional heat stroke.

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84 The requirements of this paragraph apply year round.

85 (b) All athletic coaches and sponsors of extracurricular  
86 activities involving outdoor practices or events shall complete  
87 annual training in exertional heat illness identification,

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88 prevention, and response, including effective administration of  
89 cooling zones.

90 (3) The board of directors for the Florida High School  
91 Athletic Association shall notify each member school of any  
92 policy change recommended by the Sports Medicine Advisory  
93 Committee which it considers at a board meeting, but does not  
94 adopt. The notification must include the board's rationale for  
95 not adopting the committee recommendation and must be provided  
96 in writing to each member school within 30 days after the board  
97 meeting.

98 (4) The use of automated external defibrillators by  
99 employees and volunteers is covered under ss. 768.13 and  
100 768.1325.

101 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
102 1006.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

103 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

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

105 (c) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that require all students  
106 participating in interscholastic athletic competition or who are  
107 candidates for an interscholastic athletic team to  
108 satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year prior to  
109 participating in interscholastic athletic competition or  
110 engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, conditioning, or  
111 other physical activity associated with the student's candidacy  
112 for an interscholastic athletic team, including activities that  
113 occur outside of the school year. Such medical evaluation may be  
114 administered only by a practitioner licensed under chapter 458,  
115 chapter 459, chapter 460, or s. 464.012, and in good standing  
116 with the practitioner's regulatory board. The bylaws must ~~shall~~

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117 establish requirements for eliciting a student's medical history  
118 and performing the medical evaluation required under this  
119 paragraph, which must ~~shall~~ include a physical assessment of the  
120 student's physical capabilities to participate in  
121 interscholastic athletic competition as contained in a uniform  
122 preparticipation physical evaluation and history form. The  
123 evaluation form must ~~shall~~ incorporate the recommendations of  
124 the American Heart Association for participation cardiovascular  
125 screening and ~~shall~~ provide a place for the signature of the  
126 practitioner performing the evaluation with an attestation that  
127 each examination procedure listed on the form was performed by  
128 the practitioner or by someone under the direct supervision of  
129 the practitioner. The form ~~shall~~ also must contain a place for  
130 the practitioner to indicate if a referral to another  
131 practitioner was made in lieu of completion of a certain  
132 examination procedure. The form must ~~shall~~ provide a place for  
133 the practitioner to whom the student was referred to complete  
134 the remaining sections and attest to that portion of the  
135 examination. The preparticipation physical evaluation form must  
136 ~~shall~~ advise students to complete a cardiovascular assessment  
137 and must ~~shall~~ include information concerning alternative  
138 cardiovascular evaluation and diagnostic tests. Results of such  
139 medical evaluation must be provided to the school. A student is  
140 not eligible to participate, as provided in s. 1006.15(3), in  
141 any interscholastic athletic competition or engage in any  
142 practice, tryout, workout, or other physical activity associated  
143 with the student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic  
144 team until the results of the medical evaluation have been  
145 received and approved by the school.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.