

By the Committees on Rules; and Education; and Senators Perry and Cruz

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

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

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21 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Zachary Martin
22 Act."

23 Section 2. Section 1006.165, Florida Statutes, is amended
24 to read:

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

28 (1) (a) Each public school that is a member of the Florida
29 High School Athletic Association must have an operational

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

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

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

57 (2) (a) In order to better protect student athletes
58 participating in athletics during hot weather and to avoid

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59 preventable injury or death, the Florida High School Athletic
60 Association shall:

61 1. Make training and resources available to each member
62 school for the effective monitoring of heat stress.

63 2. Establish guidelines for monitoring heat stress and
64 identify heat stress levels at which a school must make a
65 cooling zone available for each outdoor athletic contest,
66 practice, workout, or conditioning session. Heat stress must be
67 determined by measuring the ambient temperature, humidity, wind
68 speed, sun angle, and cloud cover at the site of the athletic
69 activity.

70 3. Require member schools to monitor heat stress and modify
71 athletic activities, including suspending or moving activities,
72 based on the heat stress guidelines.

73 4. Establish hydration guidelines, including appropriate
74 introduction of electrolytes after extended activities or when a
75 student participates in multiple activities in a day.

76 5. Establish requirements for cooling zones, including, at
77 a minimum, the immediate availability of cold-water immersion
78 tubs or equivalent means to rapidly cool internal body
79 temperature when a student exhibits symptoms of exertional
80 heatstroke and the presence of an employee or volunteer trained
81 to administer cold-water immersion.

82 6. Require each school's emergency action plan, as required
83 by the Florida High School Athletic Association, to include a
84 procedure for onsite cooling using cold-water immersion or
85 equivalent means before a student is transported to a hospital
86 for exertional heatstroke.

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88 The requirements of this paragraph apply year round.

89 (b) Each athletic coach and sponsor of extracurricular
90 activities involving outdoor practices or events shall annually
91 complete training in exertional heat illness identification,
92 prevention, and response, including the effective administration
93 of cooling zones.

94 (3)~~(4)~~ The use of automated external defibrillators by
95 employees and volunteers is covered under ss. 768.13 and
96 768.1325.

97 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
98 1006.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

99 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

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

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

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

142 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.