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## CHAMBER ACTION

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Representative Shoaf offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove lines 37-158 and insert:

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

1. Satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year ~~before participating in athletics~~, unless the parent objects in writing based on religious tenets or practices, in accordance with ~~the provisions of~~ s. 1006.20(2)(d); and

2. As applicable under s. 1006.20, receive an electrocardiogram from an appropriate health care practitioner or the school district before participating in athletics, unless

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14 the parent objects in writing based on religious tenets or  
15 practices or secures a certificate of medical exception in  
16 accordance with s. 1006.20(2)(d) or the school district is  
17 unable to obtain a public or private partnership for the  
18 provision of an electrocardiogram pursuant to s. 1006.165.

19 **Section 3. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (2) of**  
20 **section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

21 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

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

23 (c)1. The FHSA shall adopt bylaws that require all  
24 students participating in interscholastic athletic competition  
25 or who are candidates for an interscholastic athletic team to  
26 satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year before  
27 participating in interscholastic athletic competition or  
28 engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, conditioning, or  
29 other physical activity associated with the student's candidacy  
30 for an interscholastic athletic team, including activities that  
31 occur outside of the school year. Such medical evaluation and an  
32 electrocardiogram required under subparagraph 4. may be  
33 administered only by a practitioner licensed under chapter 458,  
34 chapter 459, chapter 460, or s. 464.012 or registered under s.  
35 464.0123, or a practitioner who holds an active equivalent  
36 licensure issued by the state in which the medical evaluation  
37 and electrocardiogram are performed, and in good standing with  
38 the practitioner's regulatory board.

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39        2. The FHSAA bylaws must ~~shall~~ establish requirements for  
40        eliciting a student's medical history and performing the medical  
41        evaluation and electrocardiogram required under this paragraph,  
42        which shall include a physical assessment of the student's  
43        physical capabilities to participate in interscholastic athletic  
44        competition as contained in a uniform preparticipation physical  
45        evaluation and history form. The evaluation form must: ~~shall~~

46        a. Incorporate the recommendations of the American Heart  
47        Association for participation cardiovascular screening.

48        b. ~~and shall~~ Provide a place for the signature of the  
49        practitioner performing the evaluation with an attestation that  
50        each examination procedure listed on the form was performed by  
51        the practitioner or by someone under the direct supervision of  
52        the practitioner. The form must ~~shall~~ also contain a place for  
53        the practitioner to indicate whether ~~if~~ a referral to another  
54        practitioner was made in lieu of completion of a certain  
55        examination procedure. The form must ~~shall~~ provide a place for  
56        the practitioner to whom the student was referred to complete  
57        the remaining sections and attest to that portion of the  
58        examination.

59        c. ~~The preparticipation physical evaluation form shall~~  
60        Advise students to complete a cardiovascular assessment and  
61        electrocardiogram, ~~shall~~ include information concerning  
62        alternative cardiovascular evaluation and diagnostic tests, and

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63 require the- results of such medical evaluation to ~~must~~ be  
64 provided to the school.

65 3. A student is not eligible to participate, as provided  
66 in s. 1006.15(3), in any interscholastic athletic competition or  
67 engage in any practice, tryout, workout, or other physical  
68 activity associated with the student's candidacy for an  
69 interscholastic athletic team until the results of the medical  
70 evaluation have been received and approved by the school.

71 4. Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year and thereafter,  
72 each student who is in grades 9 through 12 and is participating  
73 in interscholastic athletic competition or who is a candidate  
74 for an interscholastic athletic team for the first time must  
75 complete at least one electrocardiogram screening that meets the  
76 requirements of s. 1006.165.

77 (d) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ paragraph (c), a  
78 student shall be granted an exception to the electrocardiogram  
79 requirement if the parent of the student objects in writing to  
80 the student receiving an electrocardiogram because the  
81 electrocardiogram is contrary to his or her religious tenets or  
82 practices or if a physician licensed under chapter 458 or  
83 chapter 459 in good standing with the Board of Medicine or Board  
84 of Osteopathic Medicine, as applicable, provides a certificate  
85 of medical exception. A student may participate in  
86 interscholastic athletic competition or be a candidate for an  
87 interscholastic athletic team if the parent of the student

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88 objects in writing to the student undergoing a medical  
89 evaluation because such evaluation is contrary to his or her  
90 religious tenets or practices. However, in ~~such~~ case of any such  
91 exception or objection, there shall be no liability on the part  
92 of any person or entity in a position to otherwise rely on the  
93 results of such medical evaluation or electrocardiogram for any  
94 damages resulting from the student's injury or death arising  
95 directly from the student's participation in interscholastic  
96 athletics where an undisclosed medical condition that would have  
97 been revealed in the medical evaluation or electrocardiogram is  
98 a proximate cause of the injury or death.

99 (n) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws or policies that prohibit  
100 a student athlete who receives an abnormal electrocardiogram  
101 result from participating in tryouts, practice, or competition  
102 until the student submits to the school a written medical  
103 clearance to participate. Medical clearance must be authorized  
104 by an appropriate health care practitioner listed in  
105 subparagraph (c)1. who is trained in the diagnosis, evaluation,  
106 and management of electrocardiograms. There shall be no  
107 liability on the part of a school district in a position to  
108 otherwise rely on the results of the electrocardiogram and  
109 medical clearance for any damages resulting from the student's  
110 injury or death arising from a cardiac event due to the  
111 student's participation in interscholastic athletics.

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112       **Section 4. Subsection (3) is added to section 1006.165,**  
113 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

114       1006.165 Well-being of students participating in  
115 extracurricular activities; training.—

116       (3) Each school district must pursue public and private  
117 partnerships to provide low-cost electrocardiograms to the  
118 student. A student athlete is exempt from the requirement in s.  
119 1006.20(2)(c)4. if he or she resides in a school district that  
120 is unable to obtain a public or private partnership to provide  
121 an electrocardiogram at a rate of less than \$50 per student.  
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125                   **T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

126       Remove lines 6-22 and insert:

127       1006.20, F.S.; authorizing certain out-of-state  
128       licensed practitioners to conduct medical evaluations  
129       and electrocardiograms; requiring certain  
130       electrocardiograms to be provided by specified  
131       licensed practitioners; requiring certain students to  
132       complete at least one electrocardiogram screening to  
133       participate in interscholastic athletic competition  
134       beginning in a specified school year; providing an  
135       exemption from such requirements; requiring the  
136       Florida High School Athletic Association to adopt

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137 bylaws and policies prohibiting students with abnormal  
138 electrocardiograms from participating in  
139 interscholastic athletic competition until a written  
140 medical clearance is submitted to the school;  
141 providing requirements for such written medical  
142 clearance; providing immunity from liability; amending  
143 s. 1006.165, F.S.; requiring school districts to  
144 pursue specified public and private partnerships for  
145 the provisions of electrocardiograms to students;  
146 providing an exemption for students from such  
147 procedures under certain circumstances; providing an  
148 effective date.

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