

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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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 FHSAA 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 or in accordance with

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39 standards established by the FHSAA's Sports Medicine Advisory  
40 Committee.

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

48 a. Incorporate the recommendations of the American Heart  
49 Association for participation cardiovascular screening.

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

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

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64 alternative cardiovascular evaluation and diagnostic tests, and  
65 require the results of such medical evaluation to ~~must~~ be  
66 provided to the school.

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

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

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

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

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

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

116 1006.165 Well-being of students participating in  
117 extracurricular activities; training.-

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

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126 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

127 Remove lines 6-22 and insert:

128 1006.20, F.S.; authorizing certain out-of-state  
129 licensed practitioners to conduct medical evaluations  
130 and electrocardiograms; requiring certain  
131 electrocardiograms to be provided by specified  
132 licensed practitioners; authorizing the medical  
133 evaluations and electrocardiograms to be administered  
134 in accordance with specified standards; requiring  
135 certain students to complete at least one  
136 electrocardiogram screening to participate in  
137 interscholastic athletic competition beginning in a  
138 specified school year; providing an exemption from

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

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