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2 An act relating to electrocardiograms for student
3 athletes; providing a short title; amending s.
4 1002.20, F.S.; making technical changes; conforming
5 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.
6 1006.20, F.S.; authorizing certain out-of-state
7 licensed practitioners to conduct medical evaluations;
8 requiring certain electrocardiograms to be
9 administered in accordance with specified standards;
10 providing that specified electrocardiograms satisfy
11 certain requirements; requiring certain students to
12 complete at least one electrocardiogram screening to
13 participate in interscholastic athletic competition
14 beginning in a specified school year; providing an
15 exemption from such requirements; requiring the
16 Florida High School Athletic Association to adopt
17 bylaws and policies prohibiting students with abnormal
18 electrocardiograms from participating in
19 interscholastic athletic competition until a written
20 medical clearance is submitted to the school;
21 providing requirements for such written medical
22 clearance; providing immunity from liability; amending
23 s. 1006.165, F.S.; requiring school districts to
24 pursue specified public and private partnerships for
25 the provision of electrocardiograms to students;
26 providing an exemption for students from such
27 procedures under certain circumstances; providing an
28 effective date.
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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Second Chance Act."

Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (17) of section 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public school students must receive accurate and timely information regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory rights including, but not limited to, the following:

(17) ATHLETICS; PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.—

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

Section 3. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (2) of section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (n) is added to that subsection, to read:

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1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

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

(c)1. The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that require all students participating in interscholastic athletic competition or who are candidates for an interscholastic athletic team to satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year before participating in interscholastic athletic competition or engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, conditioning, or other physical activity associated with the student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic team, including activities that occur outside of the school year. Such medical evaluation may be administered only by a practitioner licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, or s. 464.012 or registered under s. 464.0123, or a practitioner who holds an active equivalent licensure issued by the state in which the medical evaluation is performed, and in good standing with the practitioner's regulatory board. The electrocardiogram required under subparagraph 4. shall be administered in accordance with standards established by the FHSAA's Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. An electrocardiogram completed up to 2 years prior to the 2026-2027 school year satisfies this requirement.

2. The FHSAA bylaws must ~~shall~~ establish requirements for eliciting a student's medical history and performing the medical evaluation and electrocardiogram required under this paragraph, which shall 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. The evaluation form must: ~~shall~~

a. Incorporate the recommendations of the American Heart

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88 Association for participation cardiovascular screening.

89 b. ~~and shall~~ Provide a place for the signature of the
90 practitioner performing the evaluation with an attestation that
91 each examination procedure listed on the form was performed by
92 the practitioner or by someone under the direct supervision of
93 the practitioner. The form must ~~shall~~ also contain a place for
94 the practitioner to indicate whether ~~if~~ a referral to another
95 practitioner was made in lieu of completion of a certain
96 examination procedure. The form must ~~shall~~ provide a place for
97 the practitioner to whom the student was referred to complete
98 the remaining sections and attest to that portion of the
99 examination.

100 c. ~~The preparticipation physical evaluation form shall~~
101 Advise students to complete a cardiovascular assessment and
102 electrocardiogram, ~~shall~~ include information concerning
103 alternative cardiovascular evaluation and diagnostic tests, and
104 require the- results of such medical evaluation to ~~must~~ be
105 provided to the school.

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

112 4. Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year and thereafter,
113 the first time a student who is in grades 9 through 12
114 participates in an interscholastic athletic competition or is a
115 candidate for an interscholastic athletic team, he or she shall
116 complete at least one electrocardiogram screening that meets the

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117 requirements of s. 1006.165.

118 (d) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ paragraph (c), a
119 student shall be granted an exception to the electrocardiogram
120 requirement if the parent of the student objects in writing to
121 the student receiving an electrocardiogram because the
122 electrocardiogram is contrary to his or her religious tenets or
123 practices or if a physician licensed under chapter 458 or
124 chapter 459 in good standing with the Board of Medicine or Board
125 of Osteopathic Medicine, as applicable, provides a certificate
126 of medical exception. A student may participate in
127 interscholastic athletic competition or be a candidate for an
128 interscholastic athletic team if the parent of the student
129 objects in writing to the student undergoing a medical
130 evaluation because such evaluation is contrary to his or her
131 religious tenets or practices. However, in ~~such~~ case of any such
132 exception or objection, there shall be no liability on the part
133 of any person or entity in a position to otherwise rely on the
134 results of such medical evaluation or electrocardiogram for any
135 damages resulting from the student's injury or death arising
136 directly from the student's participation in interscholastic
137 athletics where an undisclosed medical condition that would have
138 been revealed in the medical evaluation or electrocardiogram is
139 a proximate cause of the injury or death.

140 (n) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws or policies that prohibit
141 a student athlete who receives an abnormal electrocardiogram
142 result from participating in tryouts, practice, or competition
143 until the student submits to the school a written medical
144 clearance to participate. Medical clearance must be authorized
145 by an appropriate health care practitioner listed in

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146 subparagraph (c)1. who is trained in the diagnosis, evaluation,
147 and management of electrocardiograms. There shall be no
148 liability on the part of a school district in a position to
149 otherwise rely on the results of the electrocardiogram and
150 medical clearance for any damages resulting from the student's
151 injury or death arising from a cardiac event due to the
152 student's participation in interscholastic athletics.

153 Section 4. Subsection (3) is added to section 1006.165,
154 Florida Statutes, to read:

155 1006.165 Well-being of students participating in
156 extracurricular activities; training.—

157 (3) Each school district must pursue public and private
158 partnerships to provide low-cost electrocardiograms to the
159 student. A student athlete is exempt from the requirement in s.
160 1006.20(2)(c)4. if he or she resides in a school district that
161 is unable to obtain a public or private partnership to provide
162 an electrocardiogram at a rate of less than \$50 per student.

163 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.