

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to K-12 student athletes; amending s.  
 3           1006.165, F.S.; revising requirements for the  
 4           availability of automated external defibrillators on  
 5           school grounds; revising training requirements for  
 6           certain individuals related to cardiopulmonary  
 7           resuscitation and use of automated external  
 8           defibrillators; requiring that an individual with  
 9           specified training be present at certain athletic  
 10          activities; providing notification requirements for  
 11          the locations of specified automated external  
 12          defibrillators; requiring the Florida High School  
 13          Athletic Association to establish certain requirements  
 14          relating to student athlete safety; requiring certain  
 15          individuals to complete specified training annually;  
 16          amending s. 1006.20, F.S.; revising requirements for a  
 17          specified medical evaluation; providing an effective  
 18          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 Wellbeing 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 (FHSAA) must have an  
29 operational automated external defibrillator on the school  
30 grounds. The defibrillator must be available in a clearly marked  
31 and 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 athletic  
41 contests, practices, workouts, and conditioning sessions. The  
42 training must include ~~Each school must ensure that all employees~~  
43 ~~or volunteers who are reasonably expected to use the device~~  
44 ~~obtain appropriate training, including~~ completion of a course in  
45 cardiopulmonary resuscitation or a basic first aid course that  
46 includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation training, and  
47 demonstrated proficiency in the use of a ~~an automated external~~  
48 defibrillator. Each employee or volunteer who is reasonably  
49 expected to use a defibrillator must complete this training.

50       (c) (3) The location of each ~~automated external~~

51 defibrillator must be registered with a local emergency medical  
52 services medical director. Each employee or volunteer required  
53 to complete the training under paragraph (b) must annually be  
54 notified in writing of the location of each defibrillator on  
55 school grounds.

56 (d) ~~(4)~~ The use of ~~automated external~~ defibrillators by  
57 employees and volunteers is covered under ss. 768.13 and  
58 768.1325.

59 (2) (a) In order to better protect student athletes  
60 participating in athletics during hot weather and avoid  
61 preventable injury or death, the FHSAA shall:

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

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

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

74 4. Establish hydration guidelines, including appropriate  
75 introduction of electrolytes after extended activities or when a

76 student participates in multiple activities in a day.

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

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

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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 effective administration of  
93 cooling zones.

94 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
95 1006.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

96 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

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

98 (c) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that require all students  
99 participating in interscholastic athletic competition or who are  
100 candidates for an interscholastic athletic team to

101 satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year prior to  
102 participating in interscholastic athletic competition or  
103 engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, conditioning, or  
104 other physical activity associated with the student's candidacy  
105 for an interscholastic athletic team, including activities that  
106 occur outside of the school year. Such medical evaluation may be  
107 administered only by a practitioner licensed under chapter 458,  
108 chapter 459, chapter 460, or s. 464.012, and in good standing  
109 with the practitioner's regulatory board. The bylaws shall  
110 establish requirements for eliciting a student's medical history  
111 and performing the medical evaluation required under this  
112 paragraph, which shall include a physical assessment of the  
113 student's physical capabilities to participate in  
114 interscholastic athletic competition as contained in a uniform  
115 preparticipation physical evaluation and history form. The  
116 evaluation form shall incorporate the recommendations of the  
117 American Heart Association for participation cardiovascular  
118 screening and shall provide a place for the signature of the  
119 practitioner performing the evaluation with an attestation that  
120 each examination procedure listed on the form was performed by  
121 the practitioner or by someone under the direct supervision of  
122 the practitioner. The form shall also contain a place for the  
123 practitioner to indicate if a referral to another practitioner  
124 was made in lieu of completion of a certain examination  
125 procedure. The form shall provide a place for the practitioner

126 | to whom the student was referred to complete the remaining  
127 | sections and attest to that portion of the examination. The  
128 | preparticipation physical evaluation form shall advise students  
129 | to complete a cardiovascular assessment and shall include  
130 | information concerning alternative cardiovascular evaluation and  
131 | diagnostic tests. Results of such medical evaluation must be  
132 | provided to the school. A student is not eligible to  
133 | participate, as provided in s. 1006.15(3), in any  
134 | interscholastic athletic competition or engage in any practice,  
135 | tryout, workout, or other physical activity associated with the  
136 | student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic team until  
137 | the results of the medical evaluation have been received and  
138 | approved by the school.

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