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SYNOPSIS

Delays physical examination requirement for certain student-athletes who participate in school-sponsored athletic activities during fall athletic season of 2020-2021 school year.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning physical examination requirements for certain
2 student-athletes during the fall athletic season of the 2020-2021
3 school year.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
9 during the fall athletic season of the 2020-2021 school year, a
10 student-athlete who has not completed a physical examination
11 within 365 days prior to the first day of official practice in the
12 athletic season, as required under section 2 of P.L.2013, c.71
13 (C.18A:40-41.7), shall be permitted to participate in a school-
14 sponsored interscholastic or intramural athletic team or squad
15 during that athletic season, provided that the student-athlete
16 completes the physical examination before the end of the athletic
17 season.

18 b. (1) A student-athlete who qualifies for participation on a
19 school-sponsored interscholastic or intramural athletic team or
20 squad during the fall athletic season of the 2020-2021 school year
21 under the provisions of subsection a. of this section shall provide
22 the health history update questionnaire required under subsection b.
23 of section 2 of P.L.2013, c.71 (C.18A:40-41.7) before the first day
24 of official practice of the athletic season.

25 (2) If the student-athlete answers in the affirmative to any
26 question included in the health history update questionnaire, then
27 the student-athlete shall not participate on the school-sponsored
28 interscholastic or intramural athletic team or squad until he is
29 further evaluated by the school physician, or if a school physician is
30 not available, any other licensed physician.

31 c. As used in this section, “student-athlete” means a student
32 enrolled in grades six to 12 who participates on a school-sponsored
33 interscholastic or intramural athletic team or squad and includes
34 transfer students.

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill delays the physical examination requirement for certain
42 student-athletes who participate in school-sponsored athletic
43 activities during the fall athletic season of the 2020-2021 school
44 year.

45 Under current law, before a student enrolled in grades six
46 through 12 may participate in a school-sponsored interscholastic or
47 intramural athletic activity, the student-athlete is required to receive
48 a physical examination within 365 days before the first day of

1 official practice of the athletic season. When a student-athlete's
2 physical examination was completed more than 90 days before the
3 first day of official practice, current law also requires the student-
4 athlete to provide a health history update questionnaire, which is
5 completed by the student's parent or guardian and reviewed by the
6 school nurse and athletic trainer.

7 Under the bill, a student-athlete who has not completed a physical
8 examination within 365 days prior to the first day of official practice in
9 the fall athletic season of the 2020-2021 school year would be
10 permitted to participate in a school-sponsored interscholastic or
11 intramural athletic team or squad during that season, provided that the
12 student-athlete completes the physical examination before the end of
13 the athletic season.

14 A student-athlete who qualifies for participation in a school-
15 sponsored athletic activity under the provisions of this bill would be
16 required to complete the health history update questionnaire before the
17 first day of official practice of the fall athletic season of the 2020-2021
18 school year. If the student-athlete answers in the affirmative to any
19 question included in the health history update questionnaire, then the
20 student-athlete may not participate in the school-sponsored athletic
21 activity until he is further evaluated by the school physician, or if a
22 school physician is not available, any other licensed physician.