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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 reported by the Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee on July 9, 2020, with amendments.



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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 student-
10 athlete who has not completed a physical examination within 365 days
11 prior to the first day of official practice in the athletic season, as
12 required under section 2 of P.L.2013, c.71 (C.18A:40-41.7), shall be
13 permitted to participate in a school-sponsored interscholastic or
14 intramural athletic team or squad during that athletic season, provided
15 that the student-athlete completes the physical examination before the
16 end of the athletic season ¹, and the parent or guardian of the student-
17 athlete provides proof, before the first day of official practice of the
18 athletic season, that the physical examination is scheduled¹.

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

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

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

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AFI committee amendments adopted July 9, 2020.