

P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 63, *approved August 12, 2020*
Senate, No. 2518 (*Second Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** concerning physical examination requirements for certain
2 student-athletes during the 'fall athletic season of the' 2020-
3 2021 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, **'[the**
10 Commissioner of Education shall waive the requirement to complete
11 an annual preparticipation physical examination, as required under
12 section 2 of P.L.2013, c.71 (C.18A:40-41.7), for any student-athlete
13 who completed:

14 (1) a physical examination in accordance with section 2 of
15 P.L.2013, c.71 (C.18A:40-41.7) during the 2019-2020 school year; or

16 (2) a physical examination that allowed the student to participate
17 on a school-sponsored interscholastic or intramural athletic team or
18 squad during the 2019-2020 school year **] a student-athlete who has not
19 completed a physical examination within 365 days prior to the first
20 day of official practice in the athletic season, as required under section
21 2 of P.L.2013, c.71 (C.18A:40-41.7), shall be permitted to participate
22 in a school-sponsored interscholastic or intramural athletic team or
23 squad during that athletic season, provided that the student-athlete
24 completes the physical examination before the end of the athletic
25 season^{1 2}, and the parent or guardian of the student-athlete provides
26 proof, before the first day of official practice of the athletic season,
27 that the physical examination is scheduled².**

28 b. (1) A student-athlete who **'[receives a waiver under**
29 subsection a. of this section, and participates **] qualifies for
30 participation¹ on a school-sponsored interscholastic or intramural
31 athletic team or squad during the 'fall athletic season of the' 2020-
32 2021 school year **'[,]** under the provisions of subsection a. of this
33 section¹ shall provide the health history update questionnaire required
34 under subsection b. of section 2 of P.L.2013, c.71 (C.18A:40-41.7)
35 before the first day of official practice of **'[an]** the¹ athletic season
36 **'[in which the student-athlete participates]**¹.**

37 (2) If the student-athlete answers in the affirmative to any
38 question included in the health history update questionnaire, then the
39 student-athlete shall not participate on the school-sponsored
40 interscholastic or intramural athletic team or squad until he is further

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:

¹Senate SBA committee amendments adopted June 11, 2020.

²Assembly AFI committee amendments adopted July 9, 2020.

1 evaluated by the school physician, or if a school physician is not
2 available, any other licensed physician.

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

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8 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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