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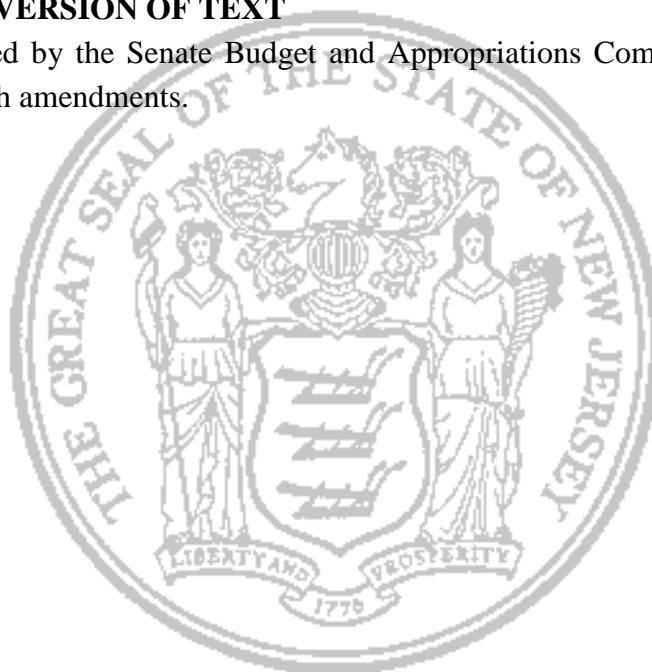
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SYNOPSIS

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 Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on June 11, 2020, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning physical examination requirements for certain
2 student-athletes during the ¹fall athletic season of the¹ 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 ¹fall athletic season of the¹ 2020-2021 school year, ¹**[**the
10 Commissioner of Education shall waive the requirement to
11 complete an annual preparticipation physical examination, as
12 required under section 2 of P.L.2013, c.71 (C.18A:40-41.7), for any
13 student-athlete 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;
16 or

17 (2) a physical examination that allowed the student to
18 participate on a school-sponsored interscholastic or intramural
19 athletic team or squad during the 2019-2020 school year **]** a student-
20 athlete who has not completed a physical examination within 365
21 days prior to the first day of official practice in the athletic season,
22 as required under section 2 of P.L.2013, c.71 (C.18A:40-41.7), shall
23 be permitted to participate in a school-sponsored interscholastic or
24 intramural athletic team or squad during that athletic season,
25 provided that the student-athlete completes the physical
26 examination before the end of the athletic season¹.

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

36 (2) If the student-athlete answers in the affirmative to any
37 question included in the health history update questionnaire, then
38 the student-athlete shall not participate on the school-sponsored
39 interscholastic or intramural athletic team or squad until he is
40 further evaluated by the school physician, or if a school physician is
41 not available, any other licensed physician.

42 c. As used in this section, “student-athlete” means a student
43 enrolled in grades six to 12 who participates on a school-sponsored

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.

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1 interscholastic or intramural athletic team or squad and includes
2 transfer students.

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4 2. This act shall take effect immediately.