



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB3589

Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Nabeela Syed

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/22-80.5 new

Amends the General Provisions Article of the School Code. Provides that students in grades 9 through 12 must satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year and, if applicable, receive an electrocardiogram before participating in an interscholastic athletic activity. Creates a waiver exception. Provides that a student in any grade who participates in an interscholastic athletic activity or who is a candidate for an interscholastic athletic activity's team must satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year before participating in the interscholastic athletic activity or engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, conditioning, or other physical activity associated with the student's candidacy for the interscholastic athletic activity. Requires that a medical evaluation only be administered by a licensed health care professional or a physician. Provides requirements for the content of a preparticipation physical evaluation form. Requires that the results of a medical evaluation of a student be provided to the student's school. Effective January 1, 2026.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
5 22-80.5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/22-80.5 new)

7 Sec. 22-80.5. Student athletes; medical evaluation and  
8 electrocardiogram.

9 (a) Definitions. In this Section:

10 "Athletic trainer" means an athletic trainer licensed  
11 under the Illinois Athletic Trainers Practice Act who is  
12 working under the supervision of a physician.

13 "Coach" means any volunteer or employee of a school who is  
14 responsible for organizing and supervising students to teach  
15 them or train them in the fundamental skills of an  
16 interscholastic athletic activity. "Coach" refers to both head  
17 coaches and assistant coaches.

18 "Interscholastic athletic activity" means any organized  
19 school-sponsored or school-sanctioned activity for students,  
20 generally outside of school instructional hours, under the  
21 direction of a coach, athletic director, or band leader,  
22 including, but not limited to, baseball, basketball,  
23 cheerleading, cross country, fencing, field hockey, football,

1 golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, marching band, rugby,  
2 soccer, skating, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track  
3 (indoor and outdoor), ultimate frisbee, volleyball, water  
4 polo, and wrestling. All interscholastic athletics are deemed  
5 to be interscholastic activities.

6 "Licensed health care professional" means a person who is  
7 a nurse, a physical therapist licensed under the Illinois  
8 Physical Therapy Act, an occupational therapist licensed under  
9 the Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act, a physician  
10 assistant, or an athletic trainer.

11 "Nurse" means a person who is employed by or volunteers at  
12 a school and is licensed under the Nurse Practice Act as a  
13 registered nurse, practical nurse, or advanced practice  
14 registered nurse.

15 "Physician" means a physician licensed to practice  
16 medicine in all of its branches under the Medical Practice Act  
17 of 1987.

18 "Physician assistant" means a physician assistant licensed  
19 under the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987.

20 "School" means any public or private elementary or  
21 secondary school, including a charter school.

22 "Student" means an adolescent or child enrolled in a  
23 school.

24 (b) Students in grades 9 through 12 must satisfactorily  
25 pass a medical evaluation each year and, if applicable,  
26 receive an electrocardiogram before participating in an

1 interscholastic athletic activity. The electrocardiogram may  
2 be waived if a parent or guardian of the student objects to the  
3 procedure based on religious tenets or practices or submits a  
4 written request to waive the requirement.

5 A student in any grade who participates in an  
6 interscholastic athletic activity or who is a candidate for an  
7 interscholastic athletic activity's team must satisfactorily  
8 pass a medical evaluation each year before participating in  
9 the interscholastic athletic activity or engaging in any  
10 practice, tryout, workout, conditioning, or other physical  
11 activity associated with the student's candidacy for the  
12 interscholastic athletic activity, including activities that  
13 occur outside of the school year. The medical evaluation may  
14 be administered only by a licensed health care professional or  
15 a physician.

16 (c) After a medical evaluation of a student, the licensed  
17 health care professional or the physician performing the  
18 evaluation must complete a preparticipation physical  
19 evaluation form. The evaluation form must incorporate the  
20 recommendations of the American Heart Association for  
21 participation in cardiovascular screening and include all of  
22 the following:

23 (1) a place for the signature of the licensed health  
24 care professional or the physician performing the  
25 evaluation with an attestation that each examination  
26 procedure listed on the form was performed by the licensed

1 health care professional or the physician or by someone  
2 under the direct supervision of the licensed health care  
3 professional or the physician;

4 (2) a place for the licensed health care professional  
5 or the physician to indicate if a referral to another  
6 practitioner was made instead of the completion of a  
7 certain examination procedure;

8 (3) if applicable, a place for the practitioner to  
9 whom the student was referred to complete the remaining  
10 sections and attest to that portion of the examination;  
11 and

12 (4) a section advising students to complete a  
13 cardiovascular assessment and informing students of  
14 information concerning alternative cardiovascular  
15 evaluation and diagnostic tests.

16 (d) Results of a medical evaluation of a student must be  
17 provided to the student's school.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
19 1, 2026.