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## **HOUSE SUBSTITUTE**

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**SENATE BILL NO. 1030** 

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Education on February 17, 2025)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Pekarsky)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-271.7 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public middle and high schools; student-athletes; pre-participation physical examination required.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-271.7 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-271.7. Public middle and high school student-athletes; pre-participation physical examination.

A. No public middle *or high* school student shall be a participant on or try out for any school athletic team or squad with a predetermined roster, regular practices, and scheduled competitions with other middle *or high* schools unless such student has submitted to the school principal a signed report from a licensed physician, a licensed advanced practice registered nurse practicing in accordance with the provisions of § 54.1-2957, or a licensed physician assistant acting under the supervision of a licensed physician attesting that such student has been examined, within the preceding 12 months, received a physical examination and was found to be physically fit for athletic competition no more than 14 calendar months prior to the date on which such report was signed.

B. No public middle or high school shall become a member of any organization or entity whose purpose it is to regulate or govern interscholastic programs that does not deem eligible for participation a student who has, pursuant to subsection A, submitted a signed report to the school principal attesting that such student received a physical examination and was found to be physically fit for athletic competition no more than 14 calendar months prior to the date on which such report was signed.