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Bill Number: SB1320 H1

Patron: Bagby

Bill Title: Preparticipation physical evaluation; children’s cardiac safety.

Bill Summary: Prohibits public middle and high school students from participating on or trying out for any interscholastic athletic team or squad unless such student has submitted to the school principal a signed Preparticipation Physical Evaluation form from a licensed physician, licensed advanced practice registered nurse, or licensed physician assistant attesting that the 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. The Preparticipation Physical Evaluation form is a form jointly developed by the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Sports Medicine, American Medical Society for Sports Medicine, American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, and American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine. The bill also prohibits a public middle or high school from becoming a member of any organization or entity whose role it is to govern or regulate interscholastic activities who will not recognize a signed Preparticipation Physical Evaluation form as it relates to determining a student’s eligibility for participation.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: n/a

Explanation: See fiscal analysis below. This bill does not require that language updates be made to the proposed Appropriation Act.

Fiscal Summary: This bill is not expected to create new or ongoing costs on the part of state agencies. Any impacts to local school divisions are indeterminate.

Fiscal Analysis: This bill stipulates that local school divisions must require the completion of the Preparticipation Physical Evaluation form in order to participate on or try out for any interscholastic team or squad. Any impacts to local school divisions resulting from the implementation of this bill are indeterminate.

The bill as amended does not create new requirements for state agencies and is not expected to create a fiscal impact at the state level.

Other: SB 1320 H1 is very similar, but not identical, to SB 1030 H1. The bills amend the same sections of the *Code of Virginia* to reflect that public middle and high school students must pass a physical examination prior to participating on a school-related team or squad; however, there are minor language discrepancies between the provisions of the bills.