

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - 2025 SESSION

CHAPTER 517

An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-271.7 of the Code of Virginia, relating to public middle and high school students; interscholastic athletics; preparticipation physical evaluations; form; timeline.

[S 1320]

Approved March 24, 2025

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; preparticipation physical examination.

A. As used in this section, "Preparticipation Physical Evaluation form" means the most recent Preparticipation Physical Evaluation form developed jointly 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.

B. No public middle or high school student shall be a participant on or try out for any ~~school~~ interscholastic athletic team or squad ~~with a predetermined roster, regular practices, and scheduled competitions with other middle schools~~ unless such student has submitted to the school principal a signed ~~report~~ Preparticipation Physical Evaluation form 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.

C. 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 B, submitted a signed Preparticipation Physical Evaluation form 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.