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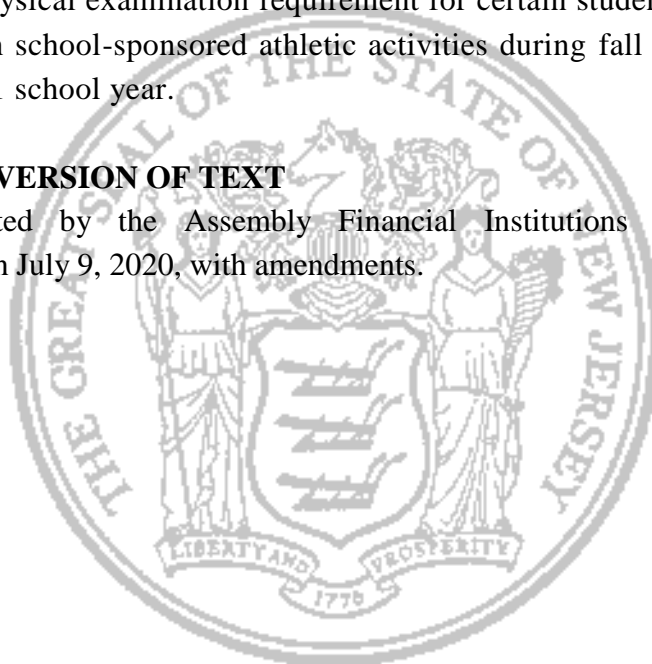
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SYNOPSIS

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 Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee on July 9, 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 complete
 11 an annual preparticipation physical examination, as required under
 12 section 2 of P.L.2013, c.71 (C.18A:40-41.7), for any student-athlete
 13 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; or

16 (2) a physical examination that allowed the student to participate
 17 on a school-sponsored interscholastic or intramural athletic team or
 18 squad during the 2019-2020 school year **] a student-athlete who has not
 19 completed a physical examination within 365 days prior to the first
 20 day of official practice in the athletic season, as required under section
 21 2 of P.L.2013, c.71 (C.18A:40-41.7), shall be permitted to participate
 22 in a school-sponsored interscholastic or intramural athletic team or
 23 squad during that athletic season, provided that the student-athlete
 24 completes the physical examination before the end of the athletic
 25 season^{1 2}, and the parent or guardian of the student-athlete provides
 26 proof, before the first day of official practice of the athletic season,
 27 that the physical examination is scheduled².**

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

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

43 c. As used in this section, “student-athlete” means a student
 44 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.

²Assembly AFI committee amendments adopted July 9, 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.