



HOUSE BILL 7011 – STUDENT ATHLETES

BILL SPONSOR(S)	Representative Massullo, Education Committee and PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee
EFFECTIVE DATE(S)	July 1, 2020
STATUTE(S)	Amends sections 1006.165 and 1006.20, Florida Statutes

SUMMARY

This “Zachary Martin Act” protects the well-being of students participating in extracurricular activities from exertional heat stroke by revising provisions related to automated external defibrillators (AED) on school grounds, training related to cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and AEDs, Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) student athlete safety policies and specified medical evaluations.

HIGHLIGHTS

- FHSAA must establish guidelines for monitoring heat stress, for identifying heat stress levels at which a cooling zone must be made available for athletic activities, and for athlete hydration and use of electrolytes. The FHSAA must also make training available to member schools for the effective monitoring of heat stress and must establish requirements for cooling zones at athletic activities. The FHSAA must require member schools to monitor heat stress and modify athletic activities in accordance with the FHSAA guidelines to include onsite cooling using cold water immersion in emergency action plans for heat stroke, and to require student athletes to pass the annual medical evaluation before engaging in athletic activities.
- Beginning June 1, 2021, an employee or volunteer with current CPR and AED training must be present at each athletic activity during and outside of the school year.

GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

JULY 1, 2020	The bill becomes effective
JUNE 1, 2021	An employee or volunteer with current CPR and AED training must be present at each athletic activity during and outside of the school year