

HB0837/923529/1

BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 837

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Physical Examinations and**”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through “guidelines;” in line 10; in line 13, after “programs;” insert “requiring a certain physical examination for student participation in an interscholastic sport to include a cardiovascular prescreening under certain circumstances; requiring an individual performing a cardiovascular prescreening to make certain notices under certain circumstances;”; strike beginning with “student” in line 13 down through “and” in line 14; in line 14, after “prescreening” insert “for interscholastic sports”; strike in their entirety lines 15 through 19, inclusive; and after line 24, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 7-436.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 10 on page 2 through line 20 on page 4, inclusive.

On page 6, after line 28, insert:

“7-436.1.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “CARDIOVASCULAR PRESCREENING” MEANS A SET OF QUESTIONS DESIGNED TO ASSESS AN INDIVIDUAL’S HEART HEALTH, IDENTIFY

RISK FACTORS FOR HEART DISEASE, AND DETECT ANY UNDERLYING
CARDIOVASCULAR ABNORMALITIES BEFORE SYMPTOMS APPEAR, INCLUDING:

(1) A TARGETED PERSONAL AND FAMILY HISTORY; AND

(2) A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION BASED ON NATIONALLY
RECOGNIZED, EVIDENCE-BASED GUIDELINES RECOMMENDED BY
ORGANIZATIONS FOCUSED ON CARDIOVASCULAR CARE IN PEDIATRIC
POPULATIONS.

(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND NONPUBLIC
SCHOOLS THAT HOLD A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL ISSUED BY THE STATE
BOARD UNDER § 2-206 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(C) (1) SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION, A
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF A STUDENT USED TO DETERMINE THE STUDENT'S
PHYSICAL FITNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORT, INCLUDING
A TRY-OUT, PRACTICE, OR CONTEST OF A SCHOOL TEAM, SHALL INCLUDE A FREE
CARDIOVASCULAR PRESCREENING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION BEFORE
THE STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN THE INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORT.

(2) THE CARDIOVASCULAR PRESCREENING SHALL BE OFFERED AS
PART OF THE PROCESS THE SCHOOL REQUIRES FOR A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION
BEFORE A STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS.

(3) A CARDIOVASCULAR PRESCREENING IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER
THIS SECTION IF:

(I) THE SCHOOL OR LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM DOES NOT REQUIRE A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION BEFORE A STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS; OR

(II) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE CARDIOVASCULAR PRESCREENING IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR FREE.

(4) THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE A HEALTH INSURER OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO PROVIDE A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OR CARDIOVASCULAR PRESCREENING TO A STUDENT AT NO COST.

(D) (1) A CARDIOVASCULAR PRESCREENING MAY NOT BE CONDUCTED EARLIER THAN 1 YEAR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH THE STUDENT INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORT.

(2) IF A CARDIOVASCULAR PRESCREENING HAS A POSITIVE FINDING, THE INDIVIDUAL ADMINISTERING THE PRESCREENING SHALL NOTIFY THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ABOUT THE POTENTIAL RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN AN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORT:

(I) THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN; AND

(II) IF THE STUDENT IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD, THE STUDENT.

(E) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION."