STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. DURSO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring yearly cardiac fitness certificates including an electrocardiogram or echocardiogram for interscholastic athletes in all public schools

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 903-a to read as follows:

§ 903-a. Cardiac fitness certificate. A cardiac fitness certificate shall be furnished by each student in public schools before such student is permitted to participate in interscholastic athletics. Each such certificate shall be signed by a duly licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, who is authorized by law to practice in this state, and consistent with subdivision three of section sixty-nine hundred two of this chapter, or by a duly licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, who is authorized to practice in the jurisdiction in which the examination was given, provided that the commissioner has determined that such jurisdiction has standards of licensure and practice comparable to those of New York. Each such certificate shall describe the cardiac fitness of the student when the examination was made, which shall not be more than twelve months prior to the commencement of the interscholastic athletic season, and shall state whether such student has any heart conditions and if such heart conditions could result in severe adverse health outcomes during athletic activity. Such physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner shall conduct an electrocardiogram or an echocardiogram and the certificate shall state the results.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date upon which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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