

# STATE OF NEW YORK

3503--A

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

January 28, 2025

Introduced by Sen. WEIK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Education in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring 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:

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

3 § 903-a. Cardiac fitness certificate. A cardiac fitness certificate  
4 shall be furnished by each student in public schools prior to partic-  
5 ipating in interscholastic athletics if such student is in seventh grade  
6 or has turned or will turn thirteen during the school year in which the  
7 student is participating in interscholastic athletics, whichever comes  
8 sooner. Each such certificate shall be signed by a duly licensed physi-  
9 cian, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, who is authorized by  
10 law to practice in this state, and consistent with subdivision three of  
11 section sixty-nine hundred two of this chapter, or by a duly licensed  
12 physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, who is authorized  
13 to practice in the jurisdiction in which the examination was given,  
14 provided that the commissioner has determined that such jurisdiction has  
15 standards of licensure and practice comparable to those of New York.  
16 Each such certificate shall describe the cardiac fitness of the student  
17 when the examination was made, and shall state whether such student has  
18 any heart conditions and if such heart conditions could result in severe  
19 adverse health outcomes during athletic activity. Such physician, physi-  
20 cian assistant or nurse practitioner shall conduct an electrocardiogram  
21 or an echocardiogram and the certificate shall state the results.

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

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