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:

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 prior to participating in interscholastic athletics if such student is in seventh grade or has turned or will turn thirteen during the school year in which the student is participating in interscholastic athletics, whichever comes sooner. 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, 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.

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

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§ 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.