

Senate Bill 272

By: Senators Moody of the 56th, Shafer of the 48th, Miles of the 43rd, Hill of the 4th and Seabaugh of the 28th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to specific programs in elementary and secondary education, so as to
3 provide that the State Board of Education shall develop a school interscholastic
4 extracurricular athletic policy that provides for the use of a single, comprehensive,
5 preparticipation physical examination form; to provide for use of the form by schools and
6 school systems; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
7 purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Ryan Boslet Bill."

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
13 relating to specific programs in elementary and secondary education, is amended by adding
14 a new Code Section 20-2-319 to read as follows:

15 "20-2-319.

16 (a) The State Board of Education shall develop, with input from appropriate experts and
17 organizations, a school interscholastic extracurricular athletic policy that provides for the
18 use of a single, comprehensive, preparticipation physical examination form.

19 (b) As used in this Code section, the term 'participation' means participation in sports
20 try-outs and practices and actual interscholastic extracurricular sports competition.

21 (c) When a school or school district has a policy which requires students who participate
22 in extracurricular sports to have a physical examination prior to participation, the person
23 conducting the physical examination shall use the State Board of Education approved form
24 pursuant to subsection (d) of this Code section, provided that the form may at the option
25 of the local board include additional elements.

1 (d) The State Board of Education shall appoint an appropriate committee to make
2 recommendations concerning the comprehensive, preparticipation physical examination
3 form to be used for physical examinations referred to in this Code section. The committee
4 may consult or work with appropriate voluntary organizations and shall give due
5 consideration to the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics on this
6 subject. The final form shall be adopted and may from time to time be modified by rule by
7 the State Board of Education."

8 **SECTION 3.**

9 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.