

House Bill 578

By: Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 25th, Carter of the 93rd, and Smith of the 41st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require
3 the development and distribution of an educational fact sheet that provides information
4 concerning the use and misuse of opioid drugs in the event that a student athlete is prescribed
5 an opioid for a sports related injury; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
6 and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, is amended by adding a
11 new Code section to read as follows:

12 "20-2-779.3.

13 (a) The Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Public Health,
14 shall develop, no later than August 1, 2023, an educational fact sheet that provides
15 information concerning the use and misuse of opioid drugs in the event that a student
16 athlete is prescribed an opioid for a sports related injury.

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17 (b) Each local school system, public school, or nonpublic school that participates in
18 interscholastic athletic programs and events shall distribute a copy of the educational fact
19 sheet provided for in subsection (a) of this Code section annually to the parents or
20 guardians of all student athletes and shall obtain a signed acknowledgment of the receipt
21 of such educational fact sheet by the student athlete and his or her parent or guardian."

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SECTION 2.

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.