

HOUSE BILL 1302

By Baum

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49
and Title 68, relative to student health.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The department of education, in consultation with the department of health, shall study the feasibility of requiring a student to undergo an electrocardiogram test before the student may participate in interscholastic athletics sponsored or sanctioned by the student's school or LEA. As part of the study, the department of health shall examine and evaluate the value of an electrocardiogram test in the diagnosis of heart disease in students, and shall make recommendations for any additional medical tests necessary to ensure the safety, health, and welfare of students participating in interscholastic athletics.

(b) The department of education shall report the findings and recommendations from the feasibility study required in subsection (a) to the chairs of the education committees of the senate and the house of representatives no later than January 1, 2020.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.