

# MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Sample Bill #006 Sample Committee	
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Harry Truman
<b>Delegation:</b>	Independence
<b>Title:</b>	An act related to drug testing for high school students participating in athletics.
<b>Bill Type:</b>	Amend current statute

1 **RSMo**

2 Chapter 167, RSMo, is amended and a new section is created regarding drug testing.

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4 **Key Terms**

5 "Controlled substances" are defined in section 195.010, RSMo, which includes, but are not limited  
6 to, anabolic steroids.

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8 **Proposal for Action**

9 All school districts will be required to adopt a policy for the random testing of the district's  
10 students in grades nine to twelve who participate in interscholastic athletics for the unlawful use of  
11 controlled substances. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will create rules  
12 and regulations for all school districts to model in their policies. Any student who tests positive  
13 for unlawful use of a controlled substance or anabolic steroid shall not be allowed to participate in  
14 interscholastic athletics or intramural sports for the remainder of the academic year and the  
15 subsequent academic year.

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17 **Effective Date**

18 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010.

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20 **Justification**

21 Each major professional sport has had a drug scandal, often involving the use of performance  
22 enhancing drugs such as steroids and human growth hormones. Our high school athletes look to  
23 these professional athletes often as role models and who they aspire to be one day. We need to  
24 make sure that our high school athletes are not using illegal drugs and that our sports are clean  
25 and fair. The easiest way to be sure of this is to require random drug testing of our athletes.

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27 **Expected Results**

28 The public will be confident that all high school sports are clean of drugs and fair. All high school  
29 athletes will know that no one has an unfair advantage in the sport and is cheating to succeed.  
30 Colleges that recruit Missouri athletes will know these athletes are drug-free and not cheating to  
31 get ahead in their sports.