

# MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

<b>SAMPLE BILL #006</b> <b>SAMPLE COMMITTEE</b>	
<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 to,  
6 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 students in  
10 grades nine to twelve who participate in interscholastic athletics for the unlawful use of controlled  
11 substances. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will create rules and regulations  
12 for all school districts to model in their policies. Any student who tests positive for unlawful use of a  
13 controlled substance or anabolic steroid shall not be allowed to participate in interscholastic athletics or  
14 intramural sports for the remainder of the academic year and the subsequent academic year.

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16 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

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19 **JUSTIFICATION**

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

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26 **EXPECTED RESULTS**

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