

MISSOURI YMCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Sample Bill #006 Sample Committee	
Introduced by:	Harry Truman
Delegation:	Independence

1 **TITLE**

2 An act related to drug testing for high school students participating in athletics

3 **ISSUE TO BE ADDRESSED**

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

9 **PROPOSAL FOR ACTION**

10 Chapter 167, RSMo, will be amended and a new section created regarding drug testing for high
11 school athletes.

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13 All school districts will be required to adopt a policy for the random testing of the district's
14 students in grades nine to twelve who participate in interscholastic athletics for the unlawful use of
15 controlled substances. "Controlled substances" are defined in section 195.010, RSMo, which
16 includes, but are not limited to, anabolic steroids.

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18 The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will create rules and regulations for all
19 school districts to model in their policies. Any student who tests positive for unlawful use of a
20 controlled substance or anabolic steroid shall not be allowed to participate in interscholastic
21 athletics or intramural sports for the remainder of the academic year and the subsequent academic
22 year.

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24 This passage of this bill will make the public confident that all high school sports are clean of drugs
25 and fair. All high school athletes will know that no one has an unfair advantage in the sport and is
26 cheating to succeed. Colleges that recruit Missouri athletes will know these athletes are drug-free
27 and not cheating to get ahead in their sports.