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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; establishing standards for preventing sudden cardiac arrest
1.3 in student athletes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 124E.03,
1.4 subdivision 7; 128C.02, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law
1.5 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 121A.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. 121A.35] SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST PREVENTION.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.9 the meanings given.

1.10 (b) "Youth athletic activity" means any sport or other athletic activity related to
1.11 competition, practice, or training exercises which is intended for youth athletes and at which
1.12 a coach or official is present in an official capacity as a coach or official. For the purposes
1.13 of school-sponsored sports under this section, youth athletic activities are extracurricular
1.14 athletic activities.

1.15 (c) "Youth athlete" means a person under age 18 who actively participates in an athletic
1.16 activity, including a sport.

1.17 (d) "Provider" means a health care provider who is:

1.18 (1) registered, licensed, certified, or otherwise statutorily authorized by the state to
1.19 provide medical treatment;

1.20 (2) trained and experienced in evaluating and managing pediatric cardiac arrest; and

1.21 (3) practicing within the person's medical training and scope of practice.

2.1 Subd. 2. **School-sponsored sports; educational materials.** (a) The appropriate sports
2.2 governing body, including the high school league under chapter 128C, among other sports
2.3 governing bodies, shall work with public and nonpublic school coaches, officials, youth
2.4 athletes, and the athletes' parents or guardians to make information available about the nature
2.5 and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest, including the risks associated with continuing
2.6 to play or practice after experiencing one or more symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest, such
2.7 as fainting, difficulty breathing, chest pains, dizziness, and abnormal racing heart rate.

2.8 (b) The sports governing body may use existing materials developed by organizations
2.9 dedicated to protecting youth from sudden cardiac arrest and preventable sudden cardiac
2.10 death.

2.11 (c) At the start of each school year, school officials shall make information available
2.12 about the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest to youth athletes and the athletes'
2.13 parents or guardians. If a parent of a youth athlete must sign a consent form to allow the
2.14 youth athlete to participate in a school-sponsored athletic activity, the form must include
2.15 information about the nature and risk of sudden cardiac arrest.

2.16 Subd. 3. **Informational meeting.** A school may hold an informational meeting prior to
2.17 the start of each athletic season for all ages of competitors regarding the symptoms and
2.18 warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest. In addition to students, parents, coaches, and other
2.19 school officials, informational meetings may include providers and athletic trainers.

2.20 Subd. 4. **Removal from play.** (a) A student who, as determined by a game official,
2.21 coach from the student's team, certified athletic trainer, licensed physician, or other official
2.22 designated by the student's school, exhibits signs or symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest
2.23 while participating in an athletic activity shall be removed from participation at that time,
2.24 subject to paragraph (c).

2.25 (b) If a student is known to have exhibited signs or symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest
2.26 at any time prior to or following an athletic activity, the student must not participate in the
2.27 athletic activity, subject to paragraph (c).

2.28 (c) A student who has been removed or prevented from participating in an athletic activity
2.29 under paragraph (a) or (b) must not return to participating in the athletic activity until the
2.30 student is evaluated and cleared for participation in writing by a provider.

2.31 (d) The provider may consult any other licensed or certified medical professionals trained
2.32 and experienced in evaluating and managing sudden cardiac arrest in children to help
2.33 determine whether a student is ready to return to participation in athletic activities.

3.1 (e) Failure to remove a student or allowing a student to continue to participate in an
3.2 athletic activity as required under this section does not violate section 604A.11, subdivision
3.3 2, clause (6), consistent with subdivision 7.

3.4 Subd. 5. **Required training course.** Each coach and official involved in youth athletic
3.5 activities must receive initial training and then subsequent training at least once every three
3.6 school years thereafter. A coach or official must not coach or officiate the youth athletic
3.7 activity until they complete the required training.

3.8 Subd. 6. **Other youth athletic activities.** A sponsor of youth athletic activities not
3.9 associated with a school is encouraged to follow this section.

3.10 Subd. 7. **Construction.** This section does not create any additional liability for or create
3.11 any cause of action against a school or school district or any office, employee, or volunteer
3.12 of a school or school district.

3.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2020-2021 school year and later.

3.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 124E.03, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

3.15 Subd. 7. **Additional program-specific requirements.** (a) A charter school offering
3.16 online courses or programs must comply with section 124D.095 governing online learning.

3.17 (b) A charter school that provides early childhood health and developmental screening
3.18 must comply with sections 121A.16 to 121A.19 governing early childhood screening.

3.19 (c) A charter school that provides school-sponsored youth athletic activities must comply
3.20 with section 121A.38 governing policies on concussions.

3.21 (d) A charter school that provides school-sponsored youth athletic activities must comply
3.22 with the requirements of section 121A.35 governing policies on sudden cardiac arrest
3.23 prevention.

3.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2020-2021 school year and later.

3.25 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 128C.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to
3.26 read:

3.27 Subd. 3c. **Sudden cardiac arrest awareness, safety, and prevention.** The league may
3.28 adopt a sudden cardiac arrest awareness, safety, and prevention policy that exceeds the
3.29 requirements of section 121A.35.

3.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2020-2021 school year and later.