

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 239

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8 An Act relating to students; creating the Chase
9 Morris Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act; defining
10 terms; directing development and posting of certain
11 information and materials; permitting the use of
12 certain existing materials; requiring certain
13 acknowledgement; authorizing certain informational
14 meetings; requiring removal of certain students in
15 specified situations; requiring certain evaluation
16 and clearance; permitting certain consultation;
17 requiring certain persons to complete specified
18 training course; encouraging certain compliance;
19 providing certain interpretation; directing
20 promulgation of rules; providing for codification;
21 providing an effective date; and declaring an
22 emergency.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

24 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-156 of Title 70, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Chase
Morris Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act".

1 B. As used in the Chase Morris Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention
2 Act:

3 1. "Athletic activity" means any of the following activities:

- 4 a. interscholastic athletics,
- 5 b. an athletic contest or competition, other than
6 interscholastic athletics, that is sponsored by or
7 associated with a school, including, but not limited
8 to, cheerleading, club-sponsored sports activities,
9 and sports activities sponsored by school-affiliated
10 organizations,
- 11 c. noncompetitive cheerleading that is sponsored by or
12 associated with a school, or
- 13 d. practices, interschool practices, and scrimmages for
14 all of the activities listed in subparagraphs a, b,
15 and c of this paragraph; and

16 2. "Interscholastic athletics" means any sport sanctioned and
17 offered by the school district.

18 C. The State Department of Health and the State Department of
19 Education shall jointly develop and post on their publicly
20 accessible websites guidelines and other relevant materials to
21 inform and educate students participating in or desiring to
22 participate in an athletic activity, their parents, and their
23 coaches about the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest,
24 including the risks associated with continuing to play or practice

1 after experiencing one or more symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest,
2 including fainting, difficulty breathing, chest pains, dizziness,
3 and abnormal racing heart rate. In developing the guidelines and
4 materials, the State Department of Health and the State Department
5 of Education may utilize existing materials developed by other
6 entities or organizations.

7 D. A student participating in or desiring to participate in an
8 athletic activity and the student's parent or guardian shall, each
9 school year and prior to participation by the student in an athletic
10 activity, sign and return to the student's school an acknowledgement
11 of receipt and review of a sudden cardiac arrest symptoms and
12 warning signs information sheet jointly developed by the State
13 Department of Health and the State Department of Education.

14 E. A school may hold an informational meeting prior to the
15 start of each athletic season for all ages of competitors regarding
16 the symptoms and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest. In
17 addition to students, parents, coaches, and other school officials,
18 informational meetings may include physicians, pediatric
19 cardiologists, and athletic trainers.

20 F. A student who, as determined by a game official, coach from
21 the student's team, certified athletic trainer, licensed physician
22 or other official designated by the student's school, exhibits signs
23 or symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest while participating in an
24 athletic activity shall be removed by the coach from participation

1 at that time. If a student is known to have exhibited signs or
2 symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest at any time prior to or following
3 an athletic activity, the student shall be prevented from
4 participating in an athletic activity.

5 G. A student removed or prevented from participating in an
6 athletic activity pursuant to subsection F of this section shall not
7 return to participation until the student is evaluated and cleared
8 for return to participation in writing by a licensed physician,
9 certified nurse practitioner or cardiologist. In order to help
10 determine whether a student is ready to return to play, the licensed
11 physician or certified nurse practitioner may consult other licensed
12 or certified medical professionals.

13 H. Once each year, a coach of an athletic activity shall
14 complete the sudden cardiac arrest training course offered by a
15 provider approved by the State Department of Health. A coach of an
16 athletic activity shall not coach the athletic activity until the
17 coach completes the training course required under this subsection.

18 I. The sponsors of youth athletic activities not associated
19 with a school are encouraged to follow the guidance stated in the
20 Chase Morris Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act.

21 J. Nothing in the Chase Morris Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention
22 Act shall be construed to create, establish, expand, reduce,
23 contract or eliminate any civil liability on the part of any school
24 or school employee.

1 K. The State Board of Health and the State Board of Education
2 shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this act.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

4 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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