

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 239

By: Yen of the Senate

3 and

4 Cox of the House

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

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-156 of Title 70, unless there  
24 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".

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

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

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

13          2. "Interscholastic athletics" means any sport sanctioned and

14 offered by the school district.

15          C. The State Department of Health and the State Department of

16 Education shall jointly develop and post on their publicly

17 accessible websites guidelines and other relevant materials to

18 inform and educate students participating in or desiring to

19 participate in an athletic activity, their parents, and their

20 coaches about the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest,

21 including the risks associated with continuing to play or practice

22 after experiencing one or more symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest,

23 including fainting, difficulty breathing, chest pains, dizziness,

24 and abnormal racing heart rate. In developing the guidelines and

1 materials, the State Department of Health and the State Department  
2 of Education may utilize existing materials developed by other  
3 entities or organizations.

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

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

17 F. A student who, as determined by a game official, coach from  
18 the student's team, certified athletic trainer, licensed physician  
19 or other official designated by the student's school, exhibits signs  
20 or symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest while participating in an  
21 athletic activity shall be removed by the coach from participation  
22 at that time. If a student is known to have exhibited signs or  
23 symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest at any time prior to or following  
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1 an athletic activity, the student shall be prevented from  
2 participating in an athletic activity.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 Passed the Senate the 5th day of March, 2015.

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9 Presiding Officer of the Senate

10 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
11 2015.

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