

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR ENGROSSED
6 SENATE BILL NO. 239

By: Yen and Pittman of the
Senate

and

Cox of the House

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 a. interscholastic athletics,

10 b. an athletic contest or competition, other than
11 interscholastic athletics, that is sponsored by or
12 associated with a school, including, but not limited
13 to, cheerleading, club-sponsored sports activities and
14 sports activities sponsored by school-affiliated
15 organizations,

16 c. noncompetitive cheerleading that is sponsored by or
17 associated with a school, or

18 d. practices, interschool practices and scrimmages for
19 all of the activities listed in subparagraphs a, b,
20 and c of this paragraph; and

21 2. "Interscholastic athletics" means any sport sanctioned and
22 offered by the school district.

23 C. The State Department of Health and the State Department of
24 Education shall jointly develop and post on their publicly

1 accessible websites guidelines and other relevant materials to
2 inform and educate students participating in or desiring to
3 participate in an athletic activity, their parents and their coaches
4 about the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest,
5 including the risks associated with continuing to play or practice
6 after experiencing one or more symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest,
7 including fainting, difficulty breathing, chest pains, dizziness and
8 abnormal racing heart rate. In developing the guidelines and
9 materials, the State Department of Health and the State Department
10 of Education may utilize existing materials developed by other
11 entities or organizations.

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

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

1 F. A student who collapses or faints without a concurrent head
2 injury while participating in an athletic activity shall be removed
3 by the coach from participation at that time.

4 G. A student removed or prevented from participating in an
5 athletic activity pursuant to subsection F of this section shall not
6 return to participation until the student is evaluated and cleared
7 for return to participation in writing by a health care provider as
8 defined in Section 3090.2 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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

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

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

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

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.
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1 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
7 03/26/2015 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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