
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY REGAN, FONTANA, BARTOLOTTA, BROWNE, BREWSTER,
COLLETT, PHILLIPS-HILL, MARTIN, COMMITTA, MASTRIANO AND
HUGHES, OCTOBER 28, 2021

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, OCTOBER 28, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of October 2021 as "Sudden Cardiac Arrest
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
4 reports that heart disease is the leading cause of death in the
5 United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Sudden cardiac arrest is the largest cause of
7 natural death in the United States, responsible for half of all
8 heart disease deaths; and

9 WHEREAS, Sudden cardiac arrest is the number one killer of
10 student athletes and is the leading cause of death on school
11 campuses; and

12 WHEREAS, Every hour of every day a student dies from sudden
13 cardiac arrest, and the survival rate for sudden cardiac arrest
14 is less than 10%; and

15 WHEREAS, The administration of bystander CPR and the use of
16 an automated external defibrillator can significantly increase
17 survival rates of sudden cardiac arrest; and

1 WHEREAS, Standard physicals and sports physicals do not
2 include a routine heart screening using an electrocardiogram
3 test that can identify underlying heart issues that could lead
4 to sudden cardiac arrest; and

5 WHEREAS, Act 73 of 2020, known as Peyton's Law, requires
6 information to be provided to parents and guardians of student
7 athletes regarding the option to request an electrocardiogram
8 test during sports physicals; and

9 WHEREAS, There is a need for comprehensive educational
10 efforts designed to increase awareness of sudden cardiac arrest
11 among medical professionals and the greater public; and

12 WHEREAS, The establishment of "Sudden Cardiac Arrest
13 Awareness Month" provides the opportunity to raise awareness
14 about sudden cardiac arrest and promote early detection through
15 heart screenings, proper treatment and prompt response that can
16 save the life of someone experiencing sudden cardiac arrest;
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of October 2021
19 as "Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.