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103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to sudden cardiac arrest prevention.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 160.483, to read as follows:

160.483. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act".

2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Appropriate medical professional", a licensed physician, licensed physician assistant, certified athletic trainer, or cardiologist trained in recognizing and treating cardiac conditions in athletes;

(2) "Athletic activity" includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) Interscholastic athletics at a public or private school offering instruction to students in kindergarten through grade twelve;

(b) Any athletic contest or competition, other than interscholastic athletics, that is sponsored by or associated with a school entity including, but not limited to, club-sponsored sports activities;

(c) Competitive or noncompetitive cheerleading that is sponsored by or associated with a school entity; and

(d) Any practice, scrimmage, or interschool practice related to activities listed in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subdivision;

(3) "Board", the state board of education;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 (4) "MSHSAA", the Missouri State High School Activities Association;

19 (5) "Student athlete", a student who:

20 (a) Is enrolled in a public or private school offering instruction to students in
21 kindergarten through grade twelve; and

22 (b) Participates in any athletic activity.

23 3. (1) The board shall adopt guidelines to inform and educate student athletes,
24 parents and guardians, and coaches about the nature and warning signs of sudden
25 cardiac arrest including, but not limited to, the risks associated with continuing to
26 participate in or practice an athletic activity after experiencing symptoms, as outlined
27 by the required training.

28 (2) The board shall develop an information sheet indicating warning signs and
29 symptoms of cardiac arrest to be provided to each student athlete participating in an
30 athletic activity. For the 2025-26 school year and all subsequent school years, before any
31 student athlete participates in any athletic activity, the student athlete and such student
32 athlete's parent or guardian shall sign and return to the student athlete's school an
33 acknowledgment form acknowledging the receipt and review of the information sheet.
34 The acknowledgment form shall be developed by MSHSAA for its member schools. As
35 part of the student athlete's eligibility requirements, a new acknowledgment form shall
36 be signed and returned to the applicable school at the beginning of each school year in
37 which the student athlete intends to participate in an athletic activity. Each
38 acknowledgment form shall be stored in the school's online eligibility software program.

39 (3) In developing guidelines and materials, the board may use educational
40 materials created by the organization Simon's Heart for the purpose of educating
41 student athletes, parents and guardians, and coaches about sudden cardiac arrest.

42 (4) The board and MSHSAA shall post any guidelines or materials developed
43 under this section on each entity's publicly accessible website.

44 4. (1) For the 2025-26 school year and all subsequent school years, each coach of
45 an athletic activity shall annually complete a cardiac arrest training course provided by
46 MSHSAA for its member schools. The training shall be approved by the board and, if
47 the board chooses, may include the course produced by the organization Simon's Heart
48 and made available through the National Federation of State High School Associations.

49 (2) The training shall be in correlation with any other training required by the
50 relevant school association related to cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and
51 automated external defibrillators (AEDs).

52 (3) A coach of an athletic activity shall not be eligible to coach in a practice or
53 competition until such coach has completed the training course required under this
54 section.

55 **5. (1) An athletic trainer, coach, or other responsible party may remove any**
56 **student athlete who, during an athletic activity, exhibits any symptoms identifiable by**
57 **the required training if the trainer, coach, or other responsible party reasonably believes**
58 **that the student athlete's symptoms are cardiac-related.**

59 **(2) If a student athlete is removed from an athletic activity for the reason**
60 **described in this subsection, an athletic trainer, coach, or other responsible party who**
61 **observed the student athlete exhibit the symptoms shall attempt to notify the student**
62 **athlete's parent or guardian of such symptoms.**

63 **(3) A student athlete who is removed from participation in an athletic activity**
64 **under this section shall not be permitted to return to play until such student athlete has**
65 **been evaluated by an appropriate medical professional and has received written**
66 **clearance from such appropriate medical professional to return to play.**

67 **6. No sponsor of recreational youth athletic activities shall be required to follow**
68 **the guidelines developed under this section.**

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