

Subject Sudden cardiac arrest
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Overview

This bill requires youth athletic activity organizations and sports governing bodies to make information available regarding sudden cardiac arrest, requires training for coaches and officials on sudden cardiac arrest, and requires that youth athletes be removed from activities when exhibiting signs of cardiac arrest.

Current law has similar requirements regarding concussions. This bill adds sudden cardiac arrest requirements to the concussion statute, and makes technical changes reorganizing the statute to include both concussions and sudden cardiac arrest.

Summary

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1	Youth sports programs.
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Subd. 1. Providing accessible information. Requires youth athletic activity organizations to make information on sudden cardiac arrest accessible to coaches, officials, youth athletes, and their parents.

Subd. 2. Concussion information and training. Makes technical changes.

Subd. 3. Sudden cardiac arrest information and training. (a) Requires the commissioner of health, in consultation with the commissioner of education, to post information on the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest for youth athletes.

(b) Requires a youth athletic activity organization that charges a fee to require all participating coaches and officials to complete training on sudden cardiac arrest.

Subd. 4. Removal from participation. (a) Requires a coach or official to remove a youth athlete from participation if the athlete passes out or faints in a manner that the coach or official believes may be symptomatic of sudden cardiac arrest.

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(b) Requires a coach or official who witnesses a youth athlete exhibit symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest to notify the parent, who can determine what, if any, treatment to seek for the student.

Subd. 5. Return to activities; concussion. Makes technical changes.

Subd. 6. Return to activities; potential sudden cardiac arrest event. Prohibits a youth athlete from participating in an activity that the athlete has been removed from after passing out or fainting until a provider trained in evaluating sudden cardiac arrest gives the athlete written permission to participate.

Subd. 7. Immunity from liability. Makes technical changes.

Subd. 8. New liability; new legal cause of action. Makes technical changes. Strikes a definition that is moved into different section.

2	School-sponsored sports; concussion and sudden cardiac event procedures.
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Subd. 1. Definitions. (c) Modifies definition of “provider” for purposes of a potential sudden cardiac arrest event.

(f) Adds definition of “municipality” that was previously in section 121A.37.

Subd. 2. Concussion information and training. Makes technical changes.

Subd. 3. Sudden cardiac arrest information and training. (a) Requires sports governing bodies to make information on sudden cardiac arrest accessible to coaches, officials, youth athletes, and their parents.

(b) Requires school coaches and officials involved in youth athletic activities to complete training on sudden cardiac arrest.

(c) Requires school officials to make information available about the nature and warning signs to youth athletes and their parents at the beginning of each school year. Requires a parental consent form to allow a youth athlete to participate in a school-sponsored athletic activity to include information about sudden cardiac arrest.

Subd. 4. Removal from participation. Requires a coach or official to remove a youth athlete from participation if the athlete passes out or faints in a manner that the coach or official believes may be symptomatic of sudden cardiac arrest.

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	passing out or fainting until a provider trained in evaluating sudden cardiac arrest gives the athlete written permission to participate.
	Subd. 7. Immunity from liability. Makes technical changes.
	Subd. 8. New liability; new cause of legal action. Makes technical changes.
3	Sudden cardiac events; awareness, safety, and protection. Requires the Minnesota High School League to adopt a sudden cardiac arrest awareness, safety, and protection policy.



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