

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 239

By: Yen, Pittman, and Sharp of
the Senate

and

Cox of the House

An Act relating to students; creating the Chase Morris Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act; defining term; directing development and posting of certain information and materials; permitting the use of certain existing materials; requiring certain acknowledgement; authorizing certain informational meetings; requiring removal of certain students in specified situations; requiring certain evaluation and clearance; permitting certain consultation; requiring certain persons to complete specified training course; encouraging certain compliance; providing certain interpretation; directing promulgation of rules; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Creating the Chase Morris Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-156 of Title 70, unless there 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, "athletic activity" means any sport sanctioned and offered in grades seven through twelve by a school district.

C. The State Department of Health and the State Department of Education shall jointly develop and post on their publicly accessible websites guidelines and other relevant materials to inform and educate students participating in or desiring to participate in an athletic activity, their parents and their coaches about the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest, including the risks associated with continuing to play or practice after experiencing one or more symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest, including unexplained fainting, difficulty breathing, chest pains, dizziness and abnormal racing heart rate. In developing the guidelines and materials, the State Department of Health and the State Department of Education may utilize existing materials developed by other entities or organizations.

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

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

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

G. A student removed or prevented from participating in an athletic activity pursuant to subsection F of this section shall not

return to participation until the student is evaluated and cleared for return to participation in writing by a health care provider as defined in Section 3090.2 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Passed the Senate the 29th day of April, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of April, 2015.

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of Representatives

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