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29 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

30 ENACTS:

31 [53A-11-1701](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

32 [53A-11-1702](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

33 [53A-11-1703](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

34 [53A-11-1704](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953



36 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

37 Section 1. Section **53A-11-1701** is enacted to read:

38 **Part 17. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act**

39 **53A-11-1701. Definitions.**

40 As used in this part:

41 (1) "Athletic activity" means:

42 (a) an interscholastic activity of athletic teams;

43 (b) an athletic contest or competition, other than an interscholastic activity of athletic

44 teams, that is sponsored by or associated with a school, including:

45 (i) cheerleading;

46 (ii) a club-sponsored sport activity; or

47 (iii) a sport activity sponsored by a school-affiliated organization;

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

49 and

50 (d) a practice, an interschool practice, or a scrimmage for an activity described in

51 Subsection (1)(a), (b), or (c).

52 (2) "Athletic trainer" means the same as that term is defined in Section [58-40a-102](#).

53 (3) "Authorized individual" means:

54 (a) a coach of a student who participates in an athletic activity; or

55 (b) another official designated by the school of a student who participates in an athletic

56 activity, including an athletic trainer or a qualified health care provider.

57 (4) "Interscholastic activity" means an activity within the state in which a student that

58 participates represents a school in the activity.

- 59 (5) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means:
- 60 (a) a school district; or
- 61 (b) a charter school governing board.
- 62 (6) "Qualified health care provider" means a health care provider who:
- 63 (a) is licensed under Title 58, Occupations and Professions; and
- 64 (b) may evaluate and manage sudden cardiac arrest within the health care provider's
- 65 scope of practice.
- 66 (7) "School" means a public elementary or secondary school.
- 67 (8) "Sudden cardiac arrest" means a life-threatening condition that results when an
- 68 individual's heart stops or fails to produce a pulse.

69 Section 2. Section **53A-11-1702** is enacted to read:

70 **53A-11-1702. Educational materials.**

- 71 (1) (a) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the Department of Health,
- 72 shall develop standards and guidelines to assist an LEA to comply with Subsection (2).
- 73 (b) The standards and guidelines described in Subsection (1)(a) shall address:
- 74 (i) the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest;
- 75 (ii) risks associated with engaging in athletic activity after experiencing one or more
- 76 symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest, including:
- 77 (A) fainting;
- 78 (B) difficulty breathing;
- 79 (C) chest pains;
- 80 (D) dizziness;
- 81 (E) abnormal racing heart rate; or
- 82 (F) extreme fatigue; and
- 83 (iii) procedures for assisting students experiencing cardiac arrest.
- 84 (2) An LEA shall:
- 85 (a) develop an informational sheet for students and parents or guardians of students
- 86 that includes:
- 87 (i) the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest; and
- 88 (ii) risks associated with engaging in athletic activity after experiencing one or more
- 89 symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest;

90 (b) prohibit a student from participating in an athletic activity unless the student and
91 the student's parent or guardian:

92 (i) review the informational sheet described in Subsection (2)(a); and

93 (ii) sign and return to the student's school a statement acknowledging that the student
94 and the student's parent or guardian have reviewed the informational sheet described in
95 Subsection (2)(a);

96 (c) establish training to educate coaches on:

97 (i) the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest;

98 (ii) risks associated with engaging in athletic activity after experiencing one or more
99 symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest; and

100 (iii) procedures for assisting a student experiencing sudden cardiac arrest; and

101 (d) require a coach to complete the training described in Subsection (2)(c) once every
102 two years.

103 (3) (a) An LEA may hold an informational meeting before the start of each athletic
104 season regarding the symptoms and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest.

105 (b) To assist in the informational meeting described in Subsection (3)(a), an LEA may:

106 (i) use informational or training material from a nonprofit organization or an entity
107 approved by the State Board of Education; and

108 (ii) invite health care providers or athletic trainers to participate.

109 Section 3. Section **53A-11-1703** is enacted to read:

110 **53A-11-1703. Preventing at-risk students from participating in an athletic**
111 **activity.**

112 (1) If an authorized individual determines that a student exhibits a sign or symptom of
113 sudden cardiac arrest while participating in an athletic activity, the student's coach shall
114 immediately remove the student from participation in the athletic activity.

115 (2) If an authorized individual determines that a student exhibits a sign or symptom of
116 sudden cardiac arrest at any time before or following an athletic activity, the student's coach
117 shall prevent the student from participating in an athletic activity.

118 (3) A student removed or prevented from participating in an athletic activity under
119 Subsection (1) or (2) may return to participation after a qualified health care provider:

120 (a) evaluates the student; and

121 (b) provides a written statement to the student's school clearing the student for athletic
122 activity.

123 Section 4. Section **53A-11-1704** is enacted to read:

124 **53A-11-1704. Construction.**

125 Nothing in this part may be construed to establish, expand, reduce, contract, or
126 eliminate any liability on the part of a school, a school employee, or an LEA.

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