
 DIGEST

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SB 206 Engrossed

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Miller

Present law requires the Dept. of Education to provide to public school governing authorities written communication relative to student athletes returning to athletics after a cardiac event. Requires public school governing authorities to distribute such communication to parents and legal guardians of athletes and to obtain signatures acknowledging receipt and understanding. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law, beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, requires a qualified healthcare professional to include a cardiovascular prescreening in a physical examination of a student athlete.

Proposed law provides that a student athlete with a positive finding is required to be referred for further evaluation and testing.

Proposed law requires educational materials on causes of sudden cardiac arrest in minors to be distributed to the parents or legal guardians of student athletes.

(Adds R.S. 17:440.4(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Requires a healthcare profession to include a cardiovascular prescreening in a physical examination of a student athlete.
3. Requires a student athlete with positive findings be referred for further evaluation and testing.
4. Provides for educational materials on sudden cardiac arrest in minors to parents or guardians of students participating in school sports.
5. Authorizes BESE, with LDH, to adopt rules to effectuate the requirement for cardiovascular prescreening.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove requirement that each public school student have his blood pressure tested.
2. Remove requirement that the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education adopt rules.
3. Make technical changes.