

SENATE BILL NO. 206

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1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:440.4(C), relative to student athletes; to provide for cardiovascular
3 prescreening; to provide for the distribution of educational materials about sudden
4 cardiac arrest; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:440.4(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §440.4. Cardiac health; student athletes, parents; communication

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9 **C.(1) Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, a qualified healthcare**
10 **professional who performs a physical examination of a student athlete shall**
11 **include in the examination a cardiovascular prescreening that follows nationally**
12 **recognized, evidence-based guidelines recommended by the American College**
13 **of Cardiology, American Heart Association, or other nationally recognized**
14 **organizations focused on evidence-based cardiovascular care.**

15 **(2) A student athlete with a positive finding shall be referred for further**
16 **evaluation and testing.**

17 **(3) Educational materials that provide information about causes of**
18 **sudden cardiac arrest in minor children that follow evidence-based science shall**

1 **be distributed to parents or guardians of students participating in school sports**
2 **as part of a student's required physical examination and completion of athletic**
3 **permission forms.**

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____