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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 229

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Cal. No. 54

"AN ACT CONCERNING SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST PREVENTION."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) For purposes of this
4 section and sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act, "intramural or
5 interscholastic athletics" shall include any activity sponsored by a
6 school or local education agency, as defined in section 10-15f of the
7 general statutes, or an organization sanctioned by the local education
8 agency that involves any athletic contest, practice, scrimmage,
9 competition, demonstration, display or club activity.

10 (b) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school
11 year thereafter, the State Board of Education, in consultation with (1)
12 the Commissioner of Public Health, (2) the governing authority for
13 intramural and interscholastic athletics, (3) an appropriate

14 organization representing licensed athletic trainers, and (4) an
15 organization representing national, state or local medical associations,
16 shall develop or approve a sudden cardiac arrest awareness education
17 program for use by local and regional boards of education. Such
18 program shall be published on the State Board of Education's Internet
19 web site and shall include: (A) The warning signs and symptoms
20 associated with a sudden cardiac arrest, (B) the risks associated with
21 continuing to engage in intramural or interscholastic athletics after
22 exhibiting such warning signs and symptoms, (C) the means of
23 obtaining proper medical treatment for a person suspected of
24 experiencing a sudden cardiac arrest, and (D) the proper method of
25 allowing a student who has experienced a sudden cardiac arrest to
26 return to intramural or interscholastic athletics. When developing or
27 approving such program, the State Board of Education may utilize
28 existing materials developed by organizations such as Simon's Fund.

29 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) For the school year
30 commencing July 1, 2015, and each school year thereafter, any person
31 who holds or is issued a coaching permit by the State Board of
32 Education and is a coach of intramural or interscholastic athletics shall
33 annually review the program developed or approved pursuant to
34 subsection (b) of section 1 of this act, prior to commencing the
35 coaching assignment for the season of such intramural or
36 interscholastic athletics.

37 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) (1) The coach of any
38 intramural or interscholastic athletics shall immediately remove a
39 student from participating in any intramural or interscholastic athletics
40 who is observed to exhibit signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent
41 with a sudden cardiac arrest, including, but not limited to, fainting,
42 difficulty breathing, chest pain, dizziness, abnormal racing heart rate
43 or any other symptom included in the sudden cardiac arrest awareness
44 education program developed or approved pursuant to subsection (b)
45 of section 1 of this act.

46 (2) The coach shall not permit such student to participate in any

47 intramural or interscholastic athletics until such student receives
 48 written clearance to participate in such intramural or interscholastic
 49 athletics from a licensed health care professional.

50 (b) For purposes of this section, "licensed health care professional"
 51 means a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general
 52 statutes, a physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the
 53 general statutes, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed
 54 pursuant to chapter 378 of the general statutes.

55 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) The State Board of Education
 56 may revoke the coaching permit, in accordance with the provisions of
 57 subsection (i) of section 10-145b of the general statutes, of any coach
 58 found to be in violation of any of the provisions of section 2 of this act.

59 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) Any person who holds or
 60 is issued a coaching permit by the State Board of Education and is a
 61 coach of intramural or interscholastic athletics shall be immune from
 62 suit and liability, both personally and in his or her official capacity, for
 63 any actions or omissions pursuant to the provisions of sections 1 to 3,
 64 inclusive, of this act, unless the actions or omissions of such person
 65 constitute wilful misconduct, gross negligence or recklessness.

66 (b) Nothing in sections 1 to 3, inclusive, of this act shall be construed
 67 to relieve a coach of intramural or interscholastic athletics of his or her
 68 duties or obligations under any provision of the general statutes, the
 69 regulations of Connecticut state agencies or a collective bargaining
 70 agreement."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section