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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2021 Senate Bill 95

**Senate
Amendments 1 and 2**

2021 SENATE BILL 95

2021 Senate Bill 95 requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to develop, in consultation with the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), an information sheet on the nature and risk of sudden cardiac arrest during youth athletic activities. The information sheet must include all of the following:

- Information about the risks associated with continuing to participate in a youth athletic activity after experiencing one or more symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest.
- Information about electrocardiogram (ECG) testing, including the potential risks, benefits, and evidentiary basis for ECG testing.
- Information about how to request administration of an ECG from a student's health care provider.

The bill also requires every person operating a youth athletic activity to distribute an information sheet on sudden cardiac arrest in youth athletics to every coach and participant at the beginning of each season. The bill prohibits participation in youth athletics unless a participant and the participant's parent or guardian sign and return the information sheet.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 provides that in developing the required information sheet on sudden cardiac arrest, DPI must also consult with at least two pediatric cardiologists, one each employed by the Medical College of Wisconsin and the University of Wisconsin-Madison Medical School.

SENATE AMENDMENT 2

Senate Amendment 2 removes the requirement for DPI to develop an information sheet, and instead requires that DPI develop information on sudden cardiac arrest that can be used to educate coaches, pupils, and parents. Consequently, under Senate Amendment 2, youth athletics operators are no longer required to distribute the information sheet developed by DPI, but must provide the information on the concussion and head injury information sheet required under current law pursuant to s. 118.293 (3) (a), Stats.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Amendment 1 was introduced by Senator Darling on February 25, 2021. On March 9, 2021, the Senate Committee on Education recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 1, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 1. Senate Amendment 2 was introduced by Senators Kapenga and Darling on March 17, 2021. On March 23 2021, the Senate adopted both amendments and passed the bill, as amended, on voice votes.

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