

Senate Bill 239 – Chase Morris Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act

Effective July 1, 2015, the Chase Morris Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act requires:

- That the State Department of Health and the State Department of Education jointly publish on their websites information to inform students, parents and coaches about the warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest.
- That each year, prior to participation in an athletic activity the student's parent or guardian sign and return an acknowledgement of receipt and review of the signs of sudden cardiac arrest. *“Athletic activity” is defined as any sport sanctioned and offered by a local school district in grades seven through twelve.*
- Any student who collapses or faints without a concurrent head injury while participating in an athletic activity shall be removed from participation. Any student who is removed shall not return until the student is cleared in writing by a health care provider, defined as a person who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by the laws of this state to practice a health care or healing arts profession or who administers health care in the ordinary course of business.
- Each year coaches are required to complete a sudden cardiac arrest training course offered by a provider approved by the State Department of Health, and may not coach until completed.

In addition to the requirements the bill allows a school to hold an informational meeting regarding the signs of sudden cardiac arrest.

This bill does not create or eliminate any potential civil liability by the school or school employee.

To access the:

- Athlete/Parent/Guardian Sudden Cardiac Arrest Symptoms and Warning Signs Information Sheet and Acknowledgement of Receipt and Review Form, [click here](#)
- Approved providers of the Sudden Cardiac Arrest training courses for coaches, [click here](#)
- Senate Bill 239, [click here](#)