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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CARDIOVASCULAR SCREENING.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new subpart to part II to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4       "     . Cardiovascular Screening and Sudden Cardiac Arrest

5       **§302A-A Cardiovascular screening for student athletes.**

6       (a) Beginning with the                   school year, a qualified  
7 health care professional who performs a physical examination for  
8 student athletes shall include a cardiovascular screening that  
9 follows nationally recognized, evidence-based guidelines  
10 recommended by organizations focused on cardiovascular care in  
11 pediatric populations.

12       (b) The cardiovascular screening shall include the  
13 following elements to detect or that raise suspicion for  
14 cardiovascular disease:

15       (1) Personal history: Prior elevated systemic blood  
16           pressure, unexplained exertional chest pain or



1           syncope, palpitations, or decreased exercise

2           tolerance;

3           (2) Family history: Known cardiac conditions, such as  
4           cardiomyopathy, arrhythmia syndromes, premature sudden  
5           cardiac death, or unexplained drowning or seizures;  
6           and

7           (3) Physical examination: Detection of a pathologic heart  
8           murmur, irregular rhythm, abnormal pulses, or other  
9           findings suggestive of structural or electrical heart  
10          disease.

11          (c) Student athletes who are screened and receive positive  
12          findings shall be referred for further evaluation and testing.

13          (d) The screening conducted pursuant to subsection (a)  
14          shall occur no more than three months before the first day of  
15          the school year during which the athletic season takes place.

16          (e) The department of health shall compile and publish on  
17          its website a publicly available annual report containing the  
18          total number of cardiovascular screenings that were completed  
19          and the number of referrals that were made to cardiology  
20          specialists. The report shall analyze the outcomes of the  
21          requirements established by subsection (a) and include:



- (1) The total number of cardiovascular screenings,  
including utilization and uptake by clinicians;
- (2) The proportion of positive screenings and follow-up  
care; and
- (3) Where possible, data regarding follow-up care,  
including false positive rates and additional  
diagnostic studies.

**§302A-B Cardiovascular screening for all students. (a)**

Beginning with the school year, each child shall  
present to the appropriate school official a report from a  
qualified health care professional who performs a physical  
examination as part of an annual well-child visit that includes  
the results of a cardiovascular screening that follows  
nationally recognized, evidence-based guidelines recommended by  
organizations focused on cardiovascular care in pediatric  
populations.

(b) The cardiovascular screening shall include the  
following elements to detect or that raise suspicion for  
cardiovascular disease:

- (1) Personal history: Prior elevated systemic blood  
pressure, unexplained exertional chest pain or



1           syncope, palpitations, or decreased exercise  
2           tolerance;

3           (2) Family history: Known cardiac conditions, such as  
4           cardiomyopathy, arrhythmia syndromes, premature sudden  
5           cardiac death, or unexplained drowning or seizures;  
6           and

7           (3) Physical examination: Detection of a pathologic heart  
8           murmur, irregular rhythm, abnormal pulses, or other  
9           findings suggestive of structural or electrical heart  
10          disease.

11          **§302A-C Sudden cardiac arrest; educational and**  
12 **informational materials.** (a) In collaboration with the  
13 department of health, the department shall distribute to  
14 students and their families educational and informational  
15 materials that follow evidence-based science about the disease  
16 that can cause sudden cardiac arrest.

17          (b) Beginning with the                   school year, each school  
18 district shall annually distribute the educational and  
19 informational materials identified in subsection (a) to parents  
20 or guardians of students participating in athletics as part of a



1 student athlete's physical examination and permission form  
2 requirements.

3       **§302A-D Policies, programs, training, continuing**  
4 **education; cardiovascular screening; department of health.** The  
5 department of health shall implement policies, programs,  
6 training, and continuing education that increase health care  
7 provider knowledge of cardiovascular screening guidelines,  
8 including:

- 9       (1) How to complete the cardiovascular screening under  
10 sections 302A-A and 302A-B, including collecting  
11 family history and personal reports of symptoms;  
12       (2) Identifying early signs of cardiac arrest through  
13 physical examination; and  
14       (3) Referral procedures for positive findings.

15       **§302A-E Rules; cardiovascular care.** The department shall  
16 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to implement this subpart.  
17 The department may consult with the department of health as  
18 needed to adopt rules that follow nationally recognized,  
19 evidence-based guidelines recommended by organizations focused  
20 on cardiovascular care in pediatric populations."



1       SECTION 2. In codifying the new sections added by section  
2 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute  
3 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating  
4 the new sections in this Act.

5       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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# H.B. NO. 2485

**Report Title:**

DOE; DOH; Cardiovascular Screening; Sudden Cardiac Arrest; Student Athletes; Public School Students; Educational and Informational Materials; Policies, Programs, Training, and Continuing Education

**Description:**

Requires cardiovascular screening for students, including student athletes. Requires the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Health, to distribute educational and informational materials regarding sudden cardiac arrest. Requires the Department of Health to implement policies, programs, training, and continuing education that increase health care provider knowledge of cardiovascular screening guidelines.

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