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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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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.** The department shall  
5 implement policies, programs, training, and continuing education  
6 that increase health care provider knowledge of cardiovascular  
7 screening guidelines, including:

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

14       **§302A-E Rules; cardiovascular care.** The department shall  
15 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to implement this subpart.  
16 The department may consult with the department of health as  
17 needed to adopt rules that follow nationally recognized,  
18 evidence-based guidelines recommended by organizations focused  
19 on cardiovascular care in pediatric populations."

20       SECTION 2. In codifying the new sections added by section  
21 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute



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1 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating  
2 the new sections in this Act.

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

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INTRODUCED BY: SKS



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**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 Education to implement policies, programs, training, and continuing education that increase health care provider knowledge of cardiovascular screening guidelines.

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