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

8 **§302A-B Cardiovascular screening for all students.** (a)

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

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

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



syncope, palpitations, or decreased exercise tolerance;

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

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

§302A-C Sudden cardiac arrest; educational and

informational materials. (a) In collaboration with the department of health, the department shall distribute to students and their families educational and informational materials that follow evidence-based science about the disease that can cause sudden cardiac arrest.

(b) Beginning with the school year, each school district shall annually distribute the educational and informational materials identified in subsection (a) to parents 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: *SKS*



S.B. NO. 2560

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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