

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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| <b>Bill No.:</b>       | <b>SB 239</b>   |
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| <b>Impact:</b>         | <b>\$0 to the State; Potential<br/>Cost to School Districts</b> |

**Research Analysis**

SB 239 directs the State Department of Health and State Department of Education to develop and post on their websites guidelines and other relevant materials to:

- Inform and educate students participating in or desiring to participate in an athletic activity; and
- Inform and educate parents and coaches about the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest.

The Department's may utilize existing materials developed by other entities or organizations. Prior to participating, any student participating or desiring to participate in an athletic activity, and their parent or guardian, must sign and return an acknowledgement of receipt and review of a sudden cardiac arrest symptoms and warning signs information sheet.

If a student is determined by certain personnel to be exhibiting signs or symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest while participating in an athletic activity, the student must be removed by the coach immediately. If signs or symptoms are observed prior to the athletic activity, the student cannot participate. A student that has been removed or prevented from participating in an athletic activity cannot return until they have been evaluated and cleared in writing by a licensed physician, certified nurse practitioner, or cardiologist.

The measure requires coaches to once a year complete a sudden cardiac arrest training course offered by a provider approved by the State Department of Health. Youth athletic activities that are not associated with a school are encouraged to follow the guidance stated in the measure.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The measure contains multiple provisions related to guidelines and education regarding sudden cardiac arrest, including development of relevant materials by the State Department of Education and the State Department of Health, posting of such information on agency websites, student acknowledgement of cardiac arrest symptoms and potential removal from physical activities, and coach attendance at an annual cardiac arrest training course. Though the State Department of Education anticipated costs associated with development of materials and guidelines, the State Department of Health has communicated that this provision should not create an impact, as there are materials currently in existence. Additionally, the State Department of Education maintains the need for an additional FTE to carry out such duties, however, the measure does not appear to create an ongoing need for such. Department of Health-approved training courses for coaches, are available at no cost to either agency, but may impact school districts that must provide for a substitute teacher during training periods.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

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