

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 6, 2024

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1921

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6 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021,
7 Section 24-156, which relates to the Chase Morris
8 Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act; requiring
9 coaches of athletic activities to complete certain
10 training; requiring public schools to develop a
11 cardiac emergency response plan; providing for
12 contents of plan; updating statutory reference;
13 amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 1210.200, which
14 relates to the Zachary Eckles and Luke Davis
15 Automated External Defibrillators in Schools Act;
16 requiring school districts that make automated
17 external defibrillators available to use certain
18 guidelines; updating statutory language; providing an
19 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 24-156, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 24-156. A. This act shall be known and may be cited as
24 the "Chase Morris Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act".

B. As used in the Chase Morris Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention
Act, "athletic activity" means any sport sanctioned and offered in
grades seven through twelve by a school district.

C. The State Department of Health and the State Department of
Education shall jointly develop and post on their publicly

1 accessible websites guidelines and other relevant materials to
2 inform and educate students participating in or desiring to
3 participate in an athletic activity, their parents, and their
4 coaches about the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest,
5 including the risks associated with continuing to play or practice
6 after experiencing one or more symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest,
7 including unexplained fainting, difficulty breathing, chest pains,
8 dizziness, and abnormal racing heart rate. In developing the
9 guidelines and materials, the State Department of Health and the
10 State Department of Education may utilize existing materials
11 developed by other entities or organizations.

12 D. A student participating in or desiring to participate in an
13 athletic activity and the student's parent or guardian shall, each
14 school year and prior to participation by the student in an athletic
15 activity, sign and return to the student's school an acknowledgement
16 of receipt and review of a sudden cardiac arrest symptoms and
17 warning signs information sheet jointly developed by the State
18 Department of Health and the State Department of Education.

19 E. A school may hold an informational meeting prior to the
20 start of each athletic season for all ages of competitors regarding
21 the symptoms and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest. In
22 addition to students, parents, coaches, and other school officials,
23 informational meetings may include physicians, pediatric
24 cardiologists, and athletic trainers.

1 F. A student who collapses or faints without a concurrent head
2 injury while participating in an athletic activity shall be removed
3 by the coach from participation at that time.

4 G. A student removed or prevented from participating in an
5 athletic activity pursuant to subsection F of this section shall not
6 return to participation until the student is evaluated and cleared
7 for return to participation in writing by a health care provider as
8 defined in Section 3090.2 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

9 H. Once each year, a coach of an athletic activity shall
10 complete ~~the~~:

11 1. The sudden cardiac arrest training course offered by a
12 provider approved by the State Department of Health; and

13 2. Training in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and
14 use of an automated external defibrillator. The training shall
15 follow guidelines set by a nationally recognized, guidelines-based
16 organization focused on emergency cardiovascular care.

17 A coach of an athletic activity shall not coach the athletic
18 activity until the coach completes the training course required
19 under this subsection.

20 I. Each public school in this state shall develop a sudden
21 cardiac emergency response plan. The plan shall be formulated by a
22 school site administrator and presented to the school district board
23 of education. The plan shall:

- 1 1. Establish and provide for membership of a sudden cardiac
2 emergency response team for each school site. Each team shall
3 include a school site administrator;
- 4 2. Activate the team in response to a sudden cardiac arrest;
- 5 3. Implement automated external defibrillator (AED) placement
6 and routine maintenance within the school as needed and dictated by
7 the plan and in accordance with guidelines set by a nationally
8 recognized, guidelines-based organization focused on emergency
9 cardiovascular care. The plan shall provide for implementation of
10 clearly marked and easily accessible AED placement;
- 11 4. Provide for communication and dissemination of the plan
12 throughout the school campus;
- 13 5. Require the response team to practice the plan by conducting
14 periodic drills;
- 15 6. Provide for coordination with emergency medical service
16 providers that serve the area in which the school is located;
- 17 7. Address athletic events and athletic facilities at each
18 middle school and high school site provided:
- 19 a. an AED shall be placed at each athletic venue or be
20 accessible within one to three minutes of each venue
21 where athletic practices or competitions are held, or
- 22 b. a mobile AED device shall be on the premises in
23 accordance with guidelines set by a nationally
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1 recognized, guidelines-based organization focused on
2 emergency cardiovascular care;

3 8. Provide for appropriate school staff to be trained in first
4 aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of an AED in
5 accordance with guidelines set by a nationally recognized,
6 guidelines-based organization focused on emergency cardiovascular
7 care. The plan shall stipulate the appropriate staff to receive
8 training which shall include, but not be limited to, athletic
9 coaches, school nurses, and athletic trainers; and

10 9. Be reviewed by the school district board of education and
11 sudden cardiac emergency response team members and updated annually.

12 J. The sponsors of youth athletic activities not associated
13 with a school are encouraged to follow the guidance stated in the
14 Chase Morris Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act.

15 ~~J.~~ K. Nothing in the Chase Morris Sudden Cardiac Arrest
16 Prevention Act shall be construed to create, establish, expand,
17 reduce, contract, or eliminate any civil liability on the part of
18 any school or school employee.

19 ~~K.~~ L. The State Board of Health and the State Board of
20 Education shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of ~~this~~
21 ~~act~~ the Chase Morris Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act.

22 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 1210.200, is
23 amended to read as follows:
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1 Section 1210.200. A. This act shall be known and may be cited
2 as the "Zachary Eckles and Luke Davis Automated External
3 Defibrillators in Schools Act-".

4 B. Contingent upon the availability of federal funding or
5 donations from private organizations or persons made for this
6 purpose, each school district shall make automated external
7 defibrillators, as defined in Section 5A of Title 76 of the Oklahoma
8 Statutes, available at each school site in the district. The school
9 district may also make automated external defibrillators available
10 at each high school athletic practice or competition in the
11 district.

12 C. A school district that makes automated external
13 defibrillators available in schools or on school district property
14 pursuant to this section shall use the guidelines set by a
15 nationally recognized, guidelines-based organization focused on
16 emergency cardiovascular care in determining placement of automated
17 external defibrillators on school district property and their
18 routine maintenance needs.

19 D. Any school district that makes automated external
20 defibrillators available in schools or on school district property
21 shall be immune from civil liability for personal injury which
22 results from the use of the device, except for acts of gross
23 negligence or ~~willfull~~ willful wanton misconduct in accordance with
24 Section 5A of Title 76 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

1 ~~D.~~ E. The State Department of Education shall develop and make
2 available to school districts a list of private organizations or
3 persons willing to make donations or that have resources available
4 to schools for this purpose, federal programs or grants, and any
5 other source of funding that school districts may use to purchase
6 automated external defibrillators. The Department shall also
7 provide public recognition for private organizations or persons that
8 provide funding to school districts for the purpose of purchasing
9 automated external defibrillators.

10 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

11 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
12 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
13 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
14 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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