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**TO:** All Senators

**DATE:** June 9, 2011

**FROM:** Senator John P. Blake

**SUBJECT:** Sudden Cardiac Arrest – School Athletes

In the near future, I will introduce legislation aimed at protecting school athletes from the hidden dangers of Sudden Cardiac Arrest. The bill would require any student who faints while training, practicing or competing in a school sanctioned activity, or is known to have fainted during strenuous activity, be prohibited from further participation until cleared by a licensed cardiologist.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest is the #1 killer of student athletes whereas one out of every 100 kids has an undetectable heart condition.

This legislation comes after multiple, tragic deaths across the state and country over the past few years from sudden cardiac arrest, including a 16-year-old football player from my district in 2003.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please call my office by at 717-787-6481.

If you have any questions on the legislation, please call or contact Kyle Mullins at [kmullins@pasenate.com](mailto:kmullins@pasenate.com).