

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1598 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY MURT, BOYLE, V. BROWN, DONATUCCI, HELM, RABB AND ROEBUCK, JUNE 22, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 22, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 30, 2012 (P.L.574, No.59), entitled "An  
 2 act establishing standards for preventing sudden cardiac  
 3 arrest and death in student athletes; assigning duties to the  
 4 Department of Health and the Department of Education; and  
 5 imposing penalties," further providing for definitions and  
 6 for sudden cardiac arrest.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 2 of the act of May 30, 2012 (P.L.574,  
 10 No.59), known as the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act, is  
 11 amended by adding a definition to read:

12 Section 2. Definitions.

13 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
 14 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
 15 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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17 "Electrocardiogram." A medical test which results in a  
 18 graphic record of heart muscle activity showing the variations  
 19 in electric force which trigger the contraction of the heart in  
 20 order to diagnose heart disease.

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2 Section 2. Section 3 of the act is amended by adding a  
3 subsection to read:

4 Section 3. Sudden cardiac arrest.

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6 (a.1) Electrocardiogram.--

7 (1) A student participating in or desiring to  
8 participate in an athletic activity shall submit to an  
9 electrocardiogram at least once while the student is in high  
10 school and prior to initially participating in the athletic  
11 activity.

12 (2) The results of the electrocardiogram under paragraph  
13 (1) must be transmitted to the student's school entity prior  
14 to the student's initial participation in the athletic  
15 activity.

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17 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.