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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 229

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"AN ACT CONCERNING SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST PREVENTION."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) For purposes of this
4 section and sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act, "intramural or
5 interscholastic athletics" shall include any activity sponsored by a
6 school or local education agency, as defined in section 10-15f of the
7 general statutes, or an organization sanctioned by the local education
8 agency that involves any athletic contest, practice, scrimmage,
9 competition, demonstration, display or club activity.

10 (b) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school
11 year thereafter, the State Board of Education, in consultation with (1)
12 the Commissioner of Public Health, (2) the governing authority for
13 intramural and interscholastic athletics, (3) an appropriate

14 organization representing licensed athletic trainers, and (4) an
15 organization representing national, state or local medical associations,
16 shall develop or approve a sudden cardiac arrest awareness education
17 program for use by local and regional boards of education. Such
18 program shall be published on the State Board of Education's Internet
19 web site and shall include: (A) The warning signs and symptoms
20 associated with a sudden cardiac arrest, including, but not limited to,
21 fainting, difficulty breathing, chest pain, dizziness and abnormal
22 racing heart rate, (B) the risks associated with continuing to engage in
23 intramural or interscholastic athletics after exhibiting such warning
24 signs and symptoms, (C) the means of obtaining proper medical
25 treatment for a person suspected of experiencing a sudden cardiac
26 arrest, and (D) the proper method of allowing a student who has
27 experienced a sudden cardiac arrest to return to intramural or
28 interscholastic athletics. When developing or approving such program,
29 the State Board of Education may utilize existing materials developed
30 by organizations such as Simon's Fund.

31 (c) (1) On or before July 1, 2015, the State Board of Education, in
32 consultation with the organizations described in subdivisions (1) to (4),
33 inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section, shall develop and approve
34 an informed consent form to distribute to the parents and legal
35 guardians of students involved in intramural or interscholastic
36 athletics regarding sudden cardiac arrest. Such informed consent form
37 shall include, at a minimum, (A) a summary of the sudden cardiac
38 arrest awareness education program described in subsection (b) of this
39 section, and (B) a summary of the applicable local or regional board of
40 education's policies regarding sudden cardiac arrests.

41 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school
42 year thereafter, any person who holds or is issued a coaching permit
43 by the State Board of Education and is a coach of intramural or
44 interscholastic athletics shall, prior to commencing the coaching
45 assignment for the season of such school athletics, provide each
46 participating student's parent or legal guardian with a copy of the

47 informed consent form described in subdivision (1) of this subsection
48 and obtain such parent's or legal guardian's signature, attesting to the
49 fact that such parent or legal guardian has received a copy of such
50 form and authorizes the student to participate in the intramural or
51 interscholastic athletics.

52 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) For the school year
53 commencing July 1, 2015, and each school year thereafter, any person
54 who holds or is issued a coaching permit by the State Board of
55 Education and is a coach of intramural or interscholastic athletics shall
56 annually review the program developed or approved pursuant to
57 subsection (b) of section 1 of this act, prior to commencing the
58 coaching assignment for the season of such intramural or
59 interscholastic athletics.

60 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) For the school year
61 commencing July 1, 2015, and each school year thereafter:

62 (1) The coach of any intramural or interscholastic athletics shall
63 immediately remove a student from participating in any intramural or
64 interscholastic athletics who is observed to exhibit signs, symptoms or
65 behaviors consistent with those described in the sudden cardiac arrest
66 awareness education program developed or approved pursuant to
67 subsection (b) of section 1 of this act.

68 (2) The coach shall not permit such student to participate in any
69 intramural or interscholastic athletics until such student receives
70 written clearance to participate in such intramural or interscholastic
71 athletics from a licensed health care professional.

72 (b) For purposes of this section, "licensed health care professional"
73 means a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general
74 statutes, a physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the
75 general statutes, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed
76 pursuant to chapter 378 of the general statutes.

77 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) For the school year

78 commencing July 1, 2015, and each school year thereafter, the State
 79 Board of Education may revoke the coaching permit, in accordance
 80 with the provisions of subsection (i) of section 10-145b of the general
 81 statutes, of any coach found to be in violation of any of the provisions
 82 of section 2 of this act.

83 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) For the school year
 84 commencing July 1, 2015, and each school year thereafter, any person
 85 who holds or is issued a coaching permit by the State Board of
 86 Education and is a coach of intramural or interscholastic athletics shall
 87 be immune from suit and liability, both personally and in his or her
 88 official capacity, for any actions or omissions pursuant to the
 89 provisions of sections 1 to 3, inclusive, of this act, unless the actions or
 90 omissions of such person constitute wilful misconduct, gross
 91 negligence or recklessness.

92 (b) Nothing in sections 1 to 3, inclusive, of this act shall be construed
 93 to relieve a coach of intramural or interscholastic athletics of his or her
 94 duties or obligations under any provision of the general statutes, the
 95 regulations of Connecticut state agencies or a collective bargaining
 96 agreement."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section