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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, (B) the risks associated with
21 continuing to engage in intramural or interscholastic athletics after
22 exhibiting such warning signs and symptoms, (C) the means of
23 obtaining proper medical treatment for a person suspected of
24 experiencing a sudden cardiac arrest, and (D) the proper method of
25 allowing a student who has experienced a sudden cardiac arrest to
26 return to intramural or interscholastic athletics. When developing or
27 approving such program, the State Board of Education may utilize
28 existing materials developed by organizations such as Simon's Fund.

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

39 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school
40 year thereafter, any person who holds or is issued a coaching permit
41 by the State Board of Education and is a coach of intramural or
42 interscholastic athletics shall, prior to commencing the coaching
43 assignment for the season of such school athletics, provide each
44 participating student's parent or legal guardian with a copy of the
45 informed consent form described in subdivision (1) of this subsection
46 and obtain such parent's or legal guardian's signature, attesting to the
47 fact that such parent or legal guardian has received a copy of such

48 form and authorizes the student to participate in the intramural or
49 interscholastic athletics.

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

58 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) (1) The coach of any
59 intramural or interscholastic athletics shall immediately remove a
60 student from participating in any intramural or interscholastic athletics
61 who is observed to exhibit signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent
62 with a sudden cardiac arrest, including, but not limited to, fainting,
63 difficulty breathing, chest pain, dizziness, abnormal racing heart rate
64 or any other symptom included in the sudden cardiac arrest awareness
65 education program developed or approved pursuant to subsection (b)
66 of section 1 of this act.

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

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

76 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) The State Board of Education
77 may revoke the coaching permit, in accordance with the provisions of
78 subsection (i) of section 10-145b of the general statutes, of any coach
79 found to be in violation of any of the provisions of section 2 of this act.

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

87 (b) Nothing in sections 1 to 3, inclusive, of this act shall be construed
 88 to relieve a coach of intramural or interscholastic athletics of his or her
 89 duties or obligations under any provision of the general statutes, the
 90 regulations of Connecticut state agencies or a collective bargaining
 91 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