



General Assembly

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**Substitute Bill No. 6534**



**AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS FOR  
INTERSCHOLASTIC AND INTRAMURAL ATHLETIC EVENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) For the school year  
2 commencing July 1, 2022, and each school year thereafter, each local and  
3 regional board of education and supervisory agent of a nonpublic  
4 school, in consultation with local emergency medical services providers  
5 and allied health professionals, shall develop and implement an  
6 emergency action plan for responding to serious and life-threatening  
7 sports-related injuries that occur during interscholastic and intramural  
8 athletic events.

9 (b) Such emergency action plan shall establish the procedures to be  
10 followed in the event that a student sustains a serious injury or illness  
11 while participating in an interscholastic or intramural athletic event, and  
12 shall include, but need not be limited to, the following components:

13 (1) A list of the school employees, coaches or licensed athletic trainers  
14 in each school who will be responsible for implementing the emergency  
15 action plan and a description of each person's responsibilities under the  
16 plan;

17 (2) An identification of the location or venue where the interscholastic  
18 or intramural athletic event is taking place;

19 (3) A description of the equipment and supplies that may be available  
20 at the site of the interscholastic or intramural athletic event that will  
21 assist in responding to an emergency, including the location of where  
22 such equipment and supplies may be found at such site;

23 (4) A description of the procedures to be followed when a student  
24 sustains a serious sports-related injury, including, but not limited to,  
25 responding to the injured student, summoning emergency medical care,  
26 assisting local first responders in getting to the injured student and  
27 documenting the actions taken during the emergency;

28 (5) A description of the protocols to be followed during cardiac or  
29 respiratory emergencies, including the operation of an automatic  
30 external defibrillator, use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation or the  
31 administration of medication, in accordance with the provisions of  
32 section 10-212a of the general statutes;

33 (6) A description of the protocols to be followed when a student is  
34 observed to exhibit signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a  
35 concussion or is diagnosed with a concussion, in accordance with the  
36 provisions of section 10-149c of the general statutes;

37 (7) A description of the protocols to be followed when a student  
38 suffers from a traumatic brain injury or spinal cord injury, provided  
39 such protocols are designed to include instructions that are based on the  
40 level of training of the person implementing the emergency action plan  
41 and are in accordance with best practices and state law; and

42 (8) A description of the protocols to be followed in the event of heat  
43 and cold-related emergencies, provided such protocols are in  
44 accordance with current professional standards.

45 (c) Each local and regional board of education and supervisory agent  
46 of a nonpublic school shall annually review such board or agent's  
47 emergency action plan and update such plan, as necessary. Annually,  
48 those persons described in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this  
49 section who are responsible for implementing such emergency action

50 plan, shall rehearse such plan.

51 (d) Any school employee, coach or licensed athletic trainer identified  
52 in the emergency action plan pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection  
53 (b) of this section shall be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and  
54 have completed a course in first aid offered by the American Red Cross,  
55 the American Heart Association, the Department of Public Health, any  
56 director of health or an organization using guidelines for first aid  
57 published by the American Heart Association and the American Red  
58 Cross.

59 (e) Each local and regional board of education and supervisory agent  
60 of a nonpublic school shall (1) distribute the emergency action plan to  
61 all school employees, coaches and licensed athletic trainers identified in  
62 the emergency action plan pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b)  
63 of this section, (2) post such emergency action plan in all athletic  
64 facilities and at all sites where interscholastic and intramural athletic  
65 events will take place, and (3) make such emergency action plan  
66 available on the Internet web site for the school district or school.

67 (f) In developing and implementing the emergency action plan, a  
68 local or regional board of education or supervisory agent of a nonpublic  
69 school may utilize existing and appropriate public or private materials,  
70 models, personnel and other resources, and may accept gifts, grants and  
71 donations, including in-kind donations, designated for the development  
72 and implementation of the emergency action plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2021	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 1(c), "The emergency action plan shall be reviewed annually, and should be rehearsed annually, by those persons described in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section who are responsible for implementing such plan. Such plan shall be updated as necessary." was

redrafted as, "Each local and regional board of education and supervisory agent of a nonpublic school shall annually review such board or agent's emergency action plan and update such plan, as necessary. Annually, those persons described in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section who are responsible for implementing such emergency action plan, shall rehearse such plan.", for clarity and proper form.

**ED**      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*