

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-271.8, relating to sudden*  
3 *cardiac arrest prevention in student-athletes.*

4 [S 463]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-271.8 as follows:**8 **§ 22.1-271.8. Sudden cardiac arrest prevention in student-athletes.**

9 *A. The Board of Education shall develop, biennially update, and distribute to each local school*  
10 *division guidelines on policies to inform and educate coaches, student-athletes, and student-athletes'*  
11 *parents or guardians about the nature and risk of sudden cardiac arrest, procedures for removal from*  
12 *and return to play, and the risks of not reporting symptoms. The guidelines shall also be posted on the*  
13 *Department's website.*

14 *B. Each local school division shall develop and biennially update policies and procedures regarding*  
15 *the identification and handling of symptoms that may lead to sudden cardiac arrest in student-athletes.*  
16 *Such policies shall:*

17 *1. Require that in order to participate in any extracurricular physical activity, each student-athlete*  
18 *and the student-athlete's parent or guardian shall review, on an annual basis, information provided by*  
19 *the local school division on symptoms that may lead to sudden cardiac arrest. After reviewing the*  
20 *materials, each student-athlete and the student-athlete's parent or guardian shall sign a statement*  
21 *acknowledging receipt of such information, in a manner approved by the Board of Education.*

22 *2. Require that a student-athlete who is experiencing symptoms that may lead to sudden cardiac*  
23 *arrest be immediately removed from play. A student-athlete that is removed from play shall not return to*  
24 *play until he is evaluated by and receives written clearance to return to physical activity by an*  
25 *appropriate licensed health care provider as determined by the Board of Education. The licensed health*  
26 *care provider evaluating student-athletes may be a volunteer.*

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