

Senate Bill 910

Sponsored by Senator GELSER BLOUIN

SUMMARY

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Digest: Makes students and school coaches learn about and respond to cardiac events. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).

Prescribes requirements for sharing information, training and guidelines for student athletes related to symptoms of a cardiac event.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to cardiac events of student athletes.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **“Coach” means a person who instructs or trains members of a school athletic team,**
6 **as identified by criteria established by the State Board of Education by rule.**

7 (b) **“School athletic team” means any athletic team that participates in interscholastic**
8 **athletics or that is sponsored by or associated with a school district, as determined based**
9 **on criteria established by the board by rule.**

10 (c) **“Symptoms of a cardiac event” means fainting or seizures during exercise, unex-**
11 **plained shortness of breath, chest pains, dizziness, racing heart rate or extreme fatigue.**

12 (2) **The Department of Education shall develop guidelines and make available information**
13 **about cardiac events that may affect student athletes, including the symptoms of a cardiac**
14 **event and the risks associated with continuing to participate in any athletic event or training**
15 **after experiencing symptoms of a cardiac event.**

16 (3) **Before the beginning of the season for each school athletic team, a school district:**

17 (a) **Shall require each student on the school athletic team, and the student’s parent or**
18 **guardian, to acknowledge receipt and review of the information described in subsection (2)**
19 **of this section; and**

20 (b) **May hold an informational meeting for students, parents, guardians and coaches re-**
21 **garding the information described in subsection (2) of this section.**

22 (4)(a) **Each school district shall ensure that each coach of a school athletic team receives**
23 **annual training to learn how to recognize the symptoms of a cardiac event and how to seek**
24 **proper medical treatment for a student who is suspected of having a cardiac event.**

25 (b) **The board shall establish by rule:**

26 (A) **The requirements for the training described in paragraph (a) of this subsection,**
27 **which may include using educational materials made publicly available at no cost to educate**
28 **coaches about sudden cardiac arrest.**

29 (B) **Timelines to ensure that, to the extent practicable, every coach receives the training**
30 **described in paragraph (a) of this subsection before the beginning of the season for the**

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1 school athletic team.

2 (5)(a) Until a medical release has been provided by a qualified health care professional,
3 as identified by the board by rule, a coach shall prohibit a student who is a member of a
4 school athletic team from participating in any athletic event or training if the student:

5 (A) Faints during, or immediately following, participation in any athletic event or train-
6 ing; or

7 (B) Is known to have fainted during, or immediately following, participation in any ath-
8 letic event or training.

9 (b) Except as provided by paragraph (a) of this subsection, a coach may choose to pro-
10 hibit a student who is a member of a school athletic team from participating in any athletic
11 event or training until:

12 (A) The student receives a medical release from a qualified health care professional, as
13 identified by the board by rule; or

14 (B) An athletic trainer licensed by the Board of Athletic Trainers determines that the
15 student may continue to participate in any athletic event or training.

16 (6) A coach who observes a student who is a member of an athletic team having any
17 symptoms of a cardiac event shall immediately notify the parent or guardian of the student
18 of the observation.

19 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2025 Act first applies to the 2026-2027 school year.

20 **SECTION 3.** (1) Section 1 of this 2025 Act becomes operative on July 1, 2026.

21 (2) Notwithstanding the operative date set forth in subsection (1) of this section, the
22 Department of Education, the State Board of Education and school districts may take any
23 action before the operative date set forth in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary
24 to ensure compliance with the provisions of section 1 of this 2025 Act beginning with the
25 2026-2027 school year.

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