

Date of Hearing: May 6, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Buffy Wicks, Chair

AB 1665 (Pacheco) – As Amended April 6, 2026

Policy Committee:	Arts, Entertainment, Sports, and Tourism	Vote:	9 - 0
	Education		9 - 0

Urgency: No                      State Mandated Local Program: No                      Reimbursable: No

**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires a California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) high school athletic program coach to complete an initial training, and every two years thereafter, before the start of the season for the sport they coach, a mental health coaching education and training program. The bill also requires any local educational agency (LEA) that chooses to offer a non-interscholastic athletic program to ensure that an athletic program's coach complete an initial training, and every two years thereafter, covering sudden cardiac arrest and youth athletics behavioral and mental health.

**FISCAL EFFECT:**

Minor and absorbable costs for LEAs choosing to offer a non-interscholastic athletic program to ensure that an athletic program's coach completes an initial and repeat training.

The bill allows that the training required may be provided by an entity offering free, online or other types of training.

**COMMENTS:**

- 1) **Background.** The CIF governs competitive athletics in California for grades nine through twelve. The CIF is organized under CDE and is governed by a council consisting of high school superintendents, principals, athletic directors, educators, and other organizations. Amongst other duties, the CIF adopts rules and regulations for school athletics and enforces them. 1,600 schools are members of CIF, meaning the schools adhere to CIF rules and regulations. Over 760,000 student-athletes participate in athletics at CIF member schools annually. CIF views the development of guidelines such as those required in this bill as part of its core mission.

With the exception of some one-time funding during the COVID-19 pandemic, the CIF receives no state funding. The CIF is funded primarily from (a) membership fees from member schools (\$0.88 per student), which likely come from member schools' Proposition 98 General Fund general purpose funding, (b) corporate sponsorships, and (c) CIF event ticket sales.

- 2) **Related Legislation.** AB 1626 (Gabriel), of the current legislative session, details components of the trainings required by AB 1665 and requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to identify existing training or develop a model youth athletics behavioral

and mental health training for youth sport coaches. AB 1626 is pending hearing in this committee.

AB 1572 (Alanis), of the current legislative session, would establish a CIF background check and annual registration platform for officials and require the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to regularly publish a list on its internet website of suspended or revoked Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate holders. AB 1572 is pending hearing in this committee.

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