

THIRD READING

Bill No: ACR 221
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Introduced: 6/3/26
Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Sudden cardiac arrest: student athletes

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution recognizes that sudden cardiac arrest is a critical issue facing student athletes and supports the important work nonprofit organizations are doing to raise awareness of sudden cardiac arrest, increase preventative screenings, and reduce the number of cases.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Sudden cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death for student athletes, with about 2,000 young people under 25 years of age dying each year in the United States.
- 2) A two-year study of young athletes, between 11 and 27 years of age, from 2014 to 2016, identified 132 cases with an overall survival rate of 48%, and that survival rate was higher when a certified athletic trainer and an onsite automated external defibrillator (AED) were involved, at 83% and 89%, respectively.
- 3) Organizations, including, but not limited to, the Eric Paredes Save a Life Foundation, the Kyle J. Taylor Foundation, Who We Play For, Project ADAM, the California Youth Heart Coalition, the Saving Hearts Foundation, and Heartfelt Cardiac Projects, work toward increasing awareness about the prevalence of youth sudden cardiac arrest and increasing preventative youth heart screenings, as well as providing CPR trainings for youth communities.

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Related/Prior Legislation

SR 98 (Jones, 2024) – Adopted in the Senate.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 8/11/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 8/11/26)

None received

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