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Title 18A.  
Chapter 40.  
Article 9. (New)  
Sudden Cardiac  
Death and  
Student Athletes.  
§1 - C.18A:40-41

P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 125, *approved August 6, 2007*  
Senate, No. 332 (*Second Reprint*)

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34 parents of student athletes about sudden cardiac death.  
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**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.  
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:  
<sup>1</sup>Senate SED committee amendments adopted March 2, 2006.  
<sup>2</sup>Assembly AED committee amendments adopted February 26, 2007.

# SENATE, No. 332

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2006 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator FRED H. MADDEN, JR.**

**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires development and distribution of pamphlet informing parents of student athletes about sudden cardiac death.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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# ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

## **SENATE, No. 332**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 26, 2007

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 332 (1R) with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, the American Heart Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics, to develop a pamphlet that provides information about sudden cardiac death to the parents or guardians of student athletes. The pamphlet will include an explanation of sudden cardiac death and its incidence among student athletes, a description of early warning signs, and an overview of the options that are privately available to screen for cardiac conditions that may lead to sudden cardiac death, including a statement about the limitations of these options.

Under the bill, the commissioner will distribute the pamphlet to all school districts in the State and make the pamphlet available to nonpublic schools upon request. School districts will be required to distribute the pamphlet to the parents or guardians of students participating in school sports.

The committee amended the bill to: include the American Academy of Pediatrics as one of the entities to be consulted by the commissioner in the development of the pamphlet; and to provide that the first year of distribution of the pamphlet to the parents of student athletes will be the 2007-2008 school year rather than the 2006-2007 school year.

Sudden cardiac death is a rare occurrence that may afflict seemingly healthy persons with few or no warning signs. By increasing awareness of the existing warning signs and the benefits of screening, this bill may help to identify heart conditions that lead to sudden cardiac death before such an event occurs.

As reported by committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2999 with Assembly committee amendments.

# SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 332**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 2, 2006

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The committee made two amendments to the bill. It deleted the requirement that school districts distribute the pamphlet to parents by mail. The intent of this amendment is to allow a district to choose the method of distribution. The committee also included the American Heart Association as an entity with which the Commissioner of Education must consult in developing the pamphlet to be distributed to school districts.



# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 332**

## **STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: APRIL 21, 2006

### **SUMMARY**

**Synopsis:** Requires development and distribution of pamphlet informing parents of student athletes about sudden cardiac death.

**Type of Impact:** Expenditure increase, General Fund

**Agencies Affected:** Department of Education and local school districts

#### **Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
<b>State Cost</b>	Indeterminate - See Comments Below		
<b>Local Cost</b>	Indeterminate - See Comments Below		

- Requires the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services and the American Heart Association, to: develop and distribute to all school districts in the State, at no charge, a pamphlet that provides information about sudden cardiac death; update the pamphlet as necessary; and make additional copies available to nonpublic schools upon request.
- School districts are required to distribute the pamphlet to the parents or guardians of students participating in school sports.

### **BILL DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill No. 332 (1R) of 2006 requires the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services and the American Heart Association, to develop a pamphlet that provides information about sudden cardiac death to the parents or guardians of student athletes. The pamphlet will include an explanation of sudden cardiac death and its incidence among student athletes, a description of early warning signs, and an overview of the options that are privately available to screen for cardiac conditions that may lead to sudden cardiac death, including a statement about the limitations of these options.

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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The Office of Legislative Services concludes that the costs of implementing this bill are indeterminate. Information is currently not available concerning the time and costs that would be involved to develop such a pamphlet. The bill requires that a pamphlet be distributed to local school districts, at no cost to the local district. The pamphlet could be distributed by the department to local districts by emailing an Adobe Acrobat file or by mailing printed copies of the pamphlet. The cost to the department would depend on how the information is distributed to local districts. The Office of Legislative Services notes that since the number of parents or guardians of student athletes in each district is not known by the department, and that this number would likely vary from year to year, distribution to local districts by email may be the most practical. The cost to a local district to distribute the pamphlet would vary depending on: whether it received printed copies from the department or had to print the pamphlet; and the number of parents or guardians of student athletes in the local school district.

*Section: Education*  
*Analyst: Theodore C. Settle*  
*Principal Research Analyst*  
*Approved: David J. Rosen*  
*Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L. 1980, c.67.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 2999

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 15, 2006

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman JOAN M. VOSS**

**District 38 (Bergen)**

**Assemblyman ERIC MUNOZ**

**District 21 (Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

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**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/16/2006)**

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