

Senate Bill 720

Sponsored by Senator STEINER HAYWARD

SUMMARY

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Establishes requirements for school districts related to recognizing and responding to impending cardiac arrest.

Requires governing bodies with jurisdiction over certain real property to prohibit use of area by entity that organizes athletic events or training for minors if entity does not meet requirements involving impending cardiac arrest.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to youth athletic team safety.

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) **“Impending cardiac arrest” includes cardiac arrest.**

8 (2) **Each school district board shall adopt a policy related to impending cardiac arrest**
9 **experienced by a member of a school athletic team. The policy shall:**

10 (a) **Require that coaches, school district personnel who regularly interact with students,**
11 **members of a school athletic team and parents of a member of a school athletic team receive**
12 **annual training to learn how to recognize the symptoms of impending cardiac arrest and how**
13 **to seek proper medical treatment for a person suspected of experiencing impending cardiac**
14 **arrest.**

15 (b) **Prohibit a coach from coaching a school athletic team until the coach completes the**
16 **training required by paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

17 (c) **Provide guidelines for each school of the school district to have an impending cardiac**
18 **arrest response team that includes representatives of the medical, athletic and academic**
19 **aspects of cardiac management.**

20 (d) **Prohibit a member of a school athletic team from participating in any athletic event**
21 **or training if:**

22 (A) **The member exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with impending**
23 **cardiac arrest, including fainting, difficulty breathing, chest pains, dizziness or abnormal**
24 **heart rate; or**

25 (B) **A health care professional has diagnosed the member as having experienced impend-**
26 **ing cardiac arrest.**

27 (e) **Provide that a member of a school athletic team who is prohibited from participating**
28 **in an athletic event or training as described in paragraph (d) of this subsection may not re-**
29 **sume participation until the member:**

30 (A) **Receives a medical release from a health care professional because the member has**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 not experienced impending cardiac arrest; or

2 (B) Satisfies the requirements of a graduated plan established as provided by paragraph
 3 (f) of this subsection, if a health care professional has diagnosed the member as having ex-
 4 perienceed impending cardiac arrest.

5 (f) Provide guidelines for establishing a graduated plan for returning to academics and
 6 athletics if a member of a school athletic team has been confirmed by a health care profes-
 7 sional as having experienced impending cardiac arrest.

8 (g) Describe required documentation of possible impending cardiac arrest, and the actions
 9 taken in response to possible impending cardiac arrest.

10 (h) Establish the following minimum penalties for a coach found in violation of the re-
 11 quirements of paragraph (d) or (e) of this subsection:

12 (A) For a first violation, suspension from coaching any school athletic team for the re-
 13 mainder of the season.

14 (B) For a second violation, suspension from coaching any school athletic team for the
 15 remainder of the season and for the next season.

16 (C) For a third violation, permanent suspension from coaching any school athletic team.

17 (3) The State Board of Education shall establish by rule:

18 (a) The requirements of the training described in subsection (2)(a) of this section. The
 19 training:

20 (A) Shall be provided by using community resources to the extent practicable; and

21 (B) May be less comprehensive for persons who are not coaches.

22 (b) Timelines to ensure that, to the extent practicable, training described in subsection
 23 (2)(a) of this section is provided before the beginning of the season for the school athletic
 24 team.

25 (c) Which school district personnel are required to receive training as described in sub-
 26 section (2)(a) of this section.

27 (d) The qualifications for a health care professional who may provide a medical release
 28 as described in subsection (2)(e)(A) of this section or who may confirm that a member of a
 29 school athletic team experienced impending cardiac arrest.

30 (4)(a) The Department of Education shall develop and make available guidelines and other
 31 relevant materials to inform and educate students desiring to be a member of a school ath-
 32 letic team, their parents and their coaches about the symptoms and warning signs of im-
 33 pending cardiac arrest, including the risks associated with continuing to participate in an
 34 athletic event or to train after experiencing fainting, difficulty breathing, chest pains,
 35 dizziness or abnormal heart rate.

36 (b) To the extent practicable, the department shall use community resources in develop-
 37 ing the guidelines and materials described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

38 (5) Each school year, and prior to a student participating as a member on a school ath-
 39 letic team, the student and the student's parent must sign and return an acknowledgement
 40 of receipt and review of the materials developed as provided by subsection (4) of this section.

41 (6) A school district may hold an informational meeting prior to the start of the season
 42 for each school athletic team regarding the symptoms and warning signs of impending
 43 cardiac arrest.

44 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2013 Act first applies to the 2014-2015 school year.

45 **SECTION 3.** Section 4 of this 2013 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 390.

1 **SECTION 4.** The State Parks and Recreation Commission shall adopt rules that prohibit
 2 the use of any state park by an entity that organizes athletic events or training for persons
 3 under 18 years of age if the entity:

4 (1) Does not require coaches to receive annual training to learn how to recognize the
 5 symptoms of impending cardiac arrest and how to seek proper medical treatment for a per-
 6 son suspected of experiencing impending cardiac arrest;

7 (2) Has not adopted a policy that prohibits a person under 18 years of age from partic-
 8 ipating in any athletic event or training organized by the entity until the person receives a
 9 medical release from a health care professional if:

10 (a) The person exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with impending cardiac
 11 arrest, including fainting, difficulty breathing, chest pains, dizziness or abnormal heart rate;
 12 or

13 (b) A health care professional has diagnosed the person as having experienced impending
 14 cardiac arrest or cardiac arrest; or

15 (3) Has been found within the previous 12 months of having allowed a person under 18
 16 years of age to participate in an athletic event or training organized by the entity if:

17 (a) The person exhibited signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with impending cardiac
 18 arrest or a health care professional had diagnosed the person as having experienced im-
 19 pending cardiac arrest or cardiac arrest; and

20 (b) The person had not received a medical release from a health care professional.

21 **SECTION 5.** Section 6 of this 2013 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 203.

22 **SECTION 6.** For any real property over which a county governing body has jurisdiction
 23 and that is used as a public park or for recreation area purposes, the county governing body
 24 shall prohibit by ordinance or resolution the use of the real property by an entity that or-
 25 ganizes athletic events or training for persons under 18 years of age if the entity:

26 (1) Does not require coaches to receive annual training to learn how to recognize the
 27 symptoms of impending cardiac arrest and how to seek proper medical treatment for a per-
 28 son suspected of experiencing impending cardiac arrest;

29 (2) Has not adopted a policy that prohibits a person under 18 years of age from partic-
 30 ipating in any athletic event or training organized by the entity until the person receives a
 31 medical release from a health care professional if:

32 (a) The person exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with impending cardiac
 33 arrest, including fainting, difficulty breathing, chest pains, dizziness or abnormal heart rate;
 34 or

35 (b) A health care professional has diagnosed the person as having experienced impending
 36 cardiac arrest or cardiac arrest; or

37 (3) Has been found within the previous 12 months of having allowed a person under 18
 38 years of age to participate in an athletic event or training organized by the entity if:

39 (a) The person exhibited signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with impending cardiac
 40 arrest or a health care professional had diagnosed the person as having experienced im-
 41 pending cardiac arrest or cardiac arrest; and

42 (b) The person had not received a medical release from a health care professional.

43 **SECTION 7.** Section 8 of this 2013 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 226.120 to
 44 226.240.

45 **SECTION 8.** For any real property over which a board of city park commissioners has

1 jurisdiction and that is used as a public park or for recreation area purposes, the board shall
2 prohibit by ordinance or resolution the use of the real property by an entity that organizes
3 athletic events or training for persons under 18 years of age if the entity:

4 (1) Does not require coaches to receive annual training to learn how to recognize the
5 symptoms of impending cardiac arrest and how to seek proper medical treatment for a per-
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8 ipating in any athletic event or training organized by the entity until the person receives a
9 medical release from a health care professional if:

10 (a) The person exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with impending cardiac
11 arrest, including fainting, difficulty breathing, chest pains, dizziness or abnormal heart rate;
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13 (b) A health care professional has diagnosed the person as having experienced impending
14 cardiac arrest or cardiac arrest; or

15 (3) Has been found within the previous 12 months of having allowed a person under 18
16 years of age to participate in an athletic event or training organized by the entity if:

17 (a) The person exhibited signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with impending cardiac
18 arrest or a health care professional had diagnosed the person as having experienced im-
19 pending cardiac arrest or cardiac arrest; and

20 (b) The person had not received a medical release from a health care professional.

21 SECTION 9. Section 10 of this 2013 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 266.

22 SECTION 10. For any real property over which a district board has jurisdiction and that
23 is used as a public park or for recreation area purposes, the board shall prohibit by ordinance
24 or resolution the use of the real property by an entity that organizes athletic events or
25 training for persons under 18 years of age if the entity:

26 (1) Does not require coaches to receive annual training to learn how to recognize the
27 symptoms of impending cardiac arrest and how to seek proper medical treatment for a per-
28 son suspected of experiencing impending cardiac arrest;

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30 ipating in any athletic event or training organized by the entity until the person receives a
31 medical release from a health care professional if:

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33 arrest, including fainting, difficulty breathing, chest pains, dizziness or abnormal heart rate;
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35 (b) A health care professional has diagnosed the person as having experienced impending
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38 years of age to participate in an athletic event or training organized by the entity if:

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41 pending cardiac arrest or cardiac arrest; and

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