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**A BILL**

To amend sections 3314.03 and 3326.11 and to enact 1  
sections 3313.5310, 3314.145, 3326.29, 3707.58, 2  
and 3707.59 of the Revised Code to enact 3  
"Lindsay's Law" regarding sudden cardiac arrest 4  
in youth athletic activities. 5

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 3314.03 and 3326.11 be amended 6  
and sections 3313.5310, 3314.145, 3326.29, 3707.58, and 3707.59 7  
of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 3313.5310.** (A) (1) This section applies to both of the 9  
following: 10

(a) Any school operated by a school district board of 11  
education; 12

(b) Any chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school that is 13  
subject to the rules of an interscholastic conference or an 14  
organization that regulates interscholastic conferences or 15

events. 16

(2) As used in this section, "athletic activity" means all 17  
of the following: 18

(a) Interscholastic athletics; 19

(b) An athletic contest or competition that is sponsored 20  
by or associated with a school that is subject to this section, 21  
including cheerleading, club-sponsored sports activities, and 22  
sports activities sponsored by school-affiliated organizations; 23

(c) Noncompetitive cheerleading that is sponsored by 24  
school-affiliated organizations; 25

(d) Practices, interschool practices, and scrimmages for 26  
all of the activities described in divisions (A) (2) (a), (b), and 27  
(c) of this section. 28

(B) Prior to the start of each athletic season, a school 29  
that is subject to this section may hold an informational 30  
meeting for students, parents, guardians, other persons having 31  
care or charge of a student, physicians, pediatric 32  
cardiologists, athletic trainers, and any other persons 33  
regarding the symptoms and warning signs of sudden cardiac 34  
arrest for all ages of students. 35

(C) No student shall participate in an athletic activity 36  
until the student has submitted to a designated school official 37  
a form signed by the student and the parent, guardian, or other 38  
person having care or charge of the student stating that the 39  
student and the parent, guardian, or other person having care or 40  
charge of the student have received and reviewed a copy of the 41  
information developed by the departments of health and education 42  
and posted on their respective internet web sites as required by 43  
section 3707.59 of the Revised Code. A completed form shall be 44

submitted each school year, as defined in section 3313.62 of the 45  
Revised Code, for each athletic activity in which the student 46  
participates. 47

(D) No individual shall coach an athletic activity unless 48  
the individual has completed, on an annual basis, the sudden 49  
cardiac arrest training course approved by the department of 50  
health under division (C) of section 3707.59 of the Revised 51  
Code. 52

(E) (1) A student shall not be allowed to participate in an 53  
athletic activity if either of the following is the case: 54

(a) The student's biological parent, biological sibling, 55  
or biological child has previously experienced sudden cardiac 56  
arrest, and the student has not been evaluated and cleared for 57  
participation in an athletic activity by a physician authorized 58  
under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and 59  
surgery. 60

(b) The student is known to have exhibited syncope or 61  
fainting at any time prior to or following an athletic activity 62  
and has not been evaluated and cleared for return under division 63  
(E) (3) of this section after exhibiting syncope or fainting. 64

(2) A student shall be removed by the student's coach from 65  
participation in an athletic activity if the student exhibits 66  
syncope or fainting. 67

(3) If a student is not allowed to participate in or is 68  
removed from participation in an athletic activity under 69  
division (E) (1) or (2) of this section, the student shall not 70  
return to participation until the student is evaluated and 71  
cleared for return in writing by any of the following: 72

(a) A physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the 73

Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic 74  
medicine and surgery, including a physician who specializes in 75  
cardiology; 76

(b) A certified nurse practitioner, clinical nurse 77  
specialist, or certified nurse-midwife who holds a certificate 78  
of authority issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code who 79  
is working in collaboration with a physician; 80

(c) A physician assistant licensed under Chapter 4730. of 81  
the Revised Code who is working in collaboration with a 82  
physician; 83

(d) An athletic trainer licensed under Chapter 4755. of 84  
the Revised Code who is working in collaboration with a 85  
physician. 86

The licensed health care providers specified in divisions 87  
(E) (3) (a) to (d) of this section may consult with any other 88  
licensed or certified health care providers in order to 89  
determine whether a student is ready to return to participation. 90

(F) A school that is subject to this section shall 91  
establish penalties for a coach who violates the provisions of 92  
division (E) of this section. 93

(G) Nothing in this section shall be construed to abridge 94  
or limit any rights provided under a collective bargaining 95  
agreement entered into under Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code 96  
prior to the effective date of this section. 97

(H) (1) A school district, member of a school district 98  
board of education, or school district employee or volunteer, 99  
including a coach, is not liable in damages in a civil action 100  
for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly 101  
arising from providing services or performing duties under this 102

section, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or 103  
wanton misconduct. 104

This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any 105  
other immunity or defense that a school district, member of a 106  
school district board of education, or school district employee 107  
or volunteer, including a coach, may be entitled to under 108  
Chapter 2744. or any other provision of the Revised Code or 109  
under the common law of this state. 110

(2) A chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school or any 111  
officer, director, employee, or volunteer of the school, 112  
including a coach, is not liable in damages in a civil action 113  
for injury, death, or loss to person or property allegedly 114  
arising from providing services or performing duties under this 115  
section, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or 116  
wanton misconduct. 117

**Sec. 3314.03.** A copy of every contract entered into under 118  
this section shall be filed with the superintendent of public 119  
instruction. The department of education shall make available on 120  
its web site a copy of every approved, executed contract filed 121  
with the superintendent under this section. 122

(A) Each contract entered into between a sponsor and the 123  
governing authority of a community school shall specify the 124  
following: 125

(1) That the school shall be established as either of the 126  
following: 127

(a) A nonprofit corporation established under Chapter 128  
1702. of the Revised Code, if established prior to April 8, 129  
2003; 130

(b) A public benefit corporation established under Chapter 131

1702. of the Revised Code, if established after April 8, 2003.	132
(2) The education program of the school, including the school's mission, the characteristics of the students the school is expected to attract, the ages and grades of students, and the focus of the curriculum;	133 134 135 136
(3) The academic goals to be achieved and the method of measurement that will be used to determine progress toward those goals, which shall include the statewide achievement assessments;	137 138 139 140
(4) Performance standards, including but not limited to all applicable report card measures set forth in section 3302.03 or 3314.017 of the Revised Code, by which the success of the school will be evaluated by the sponsor;	141 142 143 144
(5) The admission standards of section 3314.06 of the Revised Code and, if applicable, section 3314.061 of the Revised Code;	145 146 147
(6) (a) Dismissal procedures;	148
(b) A requirement that the governing authority adopt an attendance policy that includes a procedure for automatically withdrawing a student from the school if the student without a legitimate excuse fails to participate in one hundred five consecutive hours of the learning opportunities offered to the student.	149 150 151 152 153 154
(7) The ways by which the school will achieve racial and ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves;	155 156
(8) Requirements for financial audits by the auditor of state. The contract shall require financial records of the school to be maintained in the same manner as are financial	157 158 159

records of school districts, pursuant to rules of the auditor of 160  
state. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with section 161  
117.10 of the Revised Code. 162

(9) An addendum to the contract outlining the facilities 163  
to be used that contains at least the following information: 164

(a) A detailed description of each facility used for 165  
instructional purposes; 166

(b) The annual costs associated with leasing each facility 167  
that are paid by or on behalf of the school; 168

(c) The annual mortgage principal and interest payments 169  
that are paid by the school; 170

(d) The name of the lender or landlord, identified as 171  
such, and the lender's or landlord's relationship to the 172  
operator, if any. 173

(10) Qualifications of teachers, including a requirement 174  
that the school's classroom teachers be licensed in accordance 175  
with sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code, except 176  
that a community school may engage noncertificated persons to 177  
teach up to twelve hours per week pursuant to section 3319.301 178  
of the Revised Code. 179

(11) That the school will comply with the following 180  
requirements: 181

(a) The school will provide learning opportunities to a 182  
minimum of twenty-five students for a minimum of nine hundred 183  
twenty hours per school year. 184

(b) The governing authority will purchase liability 185  
insurance, or otherwise provide for the potential liability of 186  
the school. 187

(c) The school will be nonsectarian in its programs, 188  
admission policies, employment practices, and all other 189  
operations, and will not be operated by a sectarian school or 190  
religious institution. 191

(d) The school will comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 192  
109.65, 121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 3301.0710, 193  
3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0715, 3301.948, 3313.472, 3313.50, 194  
3313.536, 3313.539, 3313.5310, 3313.608, 3313.609, 3313.6012, 195  
3313.6013, 3313.6014, 3313.6015, 3313.6020, 3313.643, 3313.648, 196  
3313.6411, 3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.662, 3313.666, 3313.667, 197  
3313.67, 3313.671, 3313.672, 3313.673, 3313.69, 3313.71, 198  
3313.716, 3313.718, 3313.719, 3313.7112, 3313.721, 3313.80, 199  
3313.814, 3313.816, 3313.817, 3313.86, 3313.89, 3313.96, 200  
3319.073, 3319.321, 3319.39, 3319.391, 3319.41, 3319.46, 201  
3321.01, 3321.041, 3321.13, 3321.14, 3321.17, 3321.18, 3321.19, 202  
3321.191, 3327.10, 4111.17, 4113.52, and 5705.391 and Chapters 203  
117., 1347., 2744., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. 204  
of the Revised Code as if it were a school district and will 205  
comply with section 3301.0714 of the Revised Code in the manner 206  
specified in section 3314.17 of the Revised Code. 207

(e) The school shall comply with Chapter 102. and section 208  
2921.42 of the Revised Code. 209

(f) The school will comply with sections 3313.61, 210  
3313.611, and 3313.614 of the Revised Code, except that for 211  
students who enter ninth grade for the first time before July 1, 212  
2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 of the 213  
Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the 214  
curriculum in any high school prior to receiving a high school 215  
diploma may be met by completing the curriculum adopted by the 216  
governing authority of the community school rather than the 217

curriculum specified in Title XXXVIII of the Revised Code or any 218  
rules of the state board of education. Beginning with students 219  
who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 220  
2010, the requirement in sections 3313.61 and 3313.611 of the 221  
Revised Code that a person must successfully complete the 222  
curriculum of a high school prior to receiving a high school 223  
diploma shall be met by completing the requirements prescribed 224  
in division (C) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code, unless 225  
the person qualifies under division (D) or (F) of that section. 226  
Each school shall comply with the plan for awarding high school 227  
credit based on demonstration of subject area competency, and 228  
beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, with the updated plan 229  
that permits students enrolled in seventh and eighth grade to 230  
meet curriculum requirements based on subject area competency 231  
adopted by the state board of education under divisions (J) (1) 232  
and (2) of section 3313.603 of the Revised Code. 233

(g) The school governing authority will submit within four 234  
months after the end of each school year a report of its 235  
activities and progress in meeting the goals and standards of 236  
divisions (A) (3) and (4) of this section and its financial 237  
status to the sponsor and the parents of all students enrolled 238  
in the school. 239

(h) The school, unless it is an internet- or computer- 240  
based community school, will comply with section 3313.801 of the 241  
Revised Code as if it were a school district. 242

(i) If the school is the recipient of moneys from a grant 243  
awarded under the federal race to the top program, Division (A), 244  
Title XIV, Sections 14005 and 14006 of the "American Recovery 245  
and Reinvestment Act of 2009," Pub. L. No. 111-5, 123 Stat. 115, 246  
the school will pay teachers based upon performance in 247

accordance with section 3317.141 and will comply with section	248
3319.111 of the Revised Code as if it were a school district.	249
(j) If the school operates a preschool program that is	250
licensed by the department of education under sections 3301.52	251
to 3301.59 of the Revised Code, the school shall comply with	252
sections 3301.50 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and the minimum	253
standards for preschool programs prescribed in rules adopted by	254
the state board under section 3301.53 of the Revised Code.	255
(12) Arrangements for providing health and other benefits	256
to employees;	257
(13) The length of the contract, which shall begin at the	258
beginning of an academic year. No contract shall exceed five	259
years unless such contract has been renewed pursuant to division	260
(E) of this section.	261
(14) The governing authority of the school, which shall be	262
responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract;	263
(15) A financial plan detailing an estimated school budget	264
for each year of the period of the contract and specifying the	265
total estimated per pupil expenditure amount for each such year.	266
(16) Requirements and procedures regarding the disposition	267
of employees of the school in the event the contract is	268
terminated or not renewed pursuant to section 3314.07 of the	269
Revised Code;	270
(17) Whether the school is to be created by converting all	271
or part of an existing public school or educational service	272
center building or is to be a new start-up school, and if it is	273
a converted public school or service center building,	274
specification of any duties or responsibilities of an employer	275
that the board of education or service center governing board	276

that operated the school or building before conversion is	277
delegating to the governing authority of the community school	278
with respect to all or any specified group of employees provided	279
the delegation is not prohibited by a collective bargaining	280
agreement applicable to such employees;	281
(18) Provisions establishing procedures for resolving	282
disputes or differences of opinion between the sponsor and the	283
governing authority of the community school;	284
(19) A provision requiring the governing authority to	285
adopt a policy regarding the admission of students who reside	286
outside the district in which the school is located. That policy	287
shall comply with the admissions procedures specified in	288
sections 3314.06 and 3314.061 of the Revised Code and, at the	289
sole discretion of the authority, shall do one of the following:	290
(a) Prohibit the enrollment of students who reside outside	291
the district in which the school is located;	292
(b) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in	293
districts adjacent to the district in which the school is	294
located;	295
(c) Permit the enrollment of students who reside in any	296
other district in the state.	297
(20) A provision recognizing the authority of the	298
department of education to take over the sponsorship of the	299
school in accordance with the provisions of division (C) of	300
section 3314.015 of the Revised Code;	301
(21) A provision recognizing the sponsor's authority to	302
assume the operation of a school under the conditions specified	303
in division (B) of section 3314.073 of the Revised Code;	304

(22) A provision recognizing both of the following:	305
(a) The authority of public health and safety officials to inspect the facilities of the school and to order the facilities closed if those officials find that the facilities are not in compliance with health and safety laws and regulations;	306 307 308 309
(b) The authority of the department of education as the community school oversight body to suspend the operation of the school under section 3314.072 of the Revised Code if the department has evidence of conditions or violations of law at the school that pose an imminent danger to the health and safety of the school's students and employees and the sponsor refuses to take such action.	310 311 312 313 314 315 316
(23) A description of the learning opportunities that will be offered to students including both classroom-based and non-classroom-based learning opportunities that is in compliance with criteria for student participation established by the department under division (H) (2) of section 3314.08 of the Revised Code;	317 318 319 320 321 322
(24) The school will comply with sections 3302.04 and 3302.041 of the Revised Code, except that any action required to be taken by a school district pursuant to those sections shall be taken by the sponsor of the school. However, the sponsor shall not be required to take any action described in division (F) of section 3302.04 of the Revised Code.	323 324 325 326 327 328
(25) Beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, the school will open for operation not later than the thirtieth day of September each school year, unless the mission of the school as specified under division (A) (2) of this section is solely to serve dropouts. In its initial year of operation, if the school	329 330 331 332 333

fails to open by the thirtieth day of September, or within one 334  
year after the adoption of the contract pursuant to division (D) 335  
of section 3314.02 of the Revised Code if the mission of the 336  
school is solely to serve dropouts, the contract shall be void. 337

(26) Whether the school's governing authority is planning 338  
to seek designation for the school as a STEM school equivalent 339  
under section 3326.032 of the Revised Code; 340

(27) That the school's attendance and participation 341  
policies will be available for public inspection; 342

(28) That the school's attendance and participation 343  
records shall be made available to the department of education, 344  
auditor of state, and school's sponsor to the extent permitted 345  
under and in accordance with the "Family Educational Rights and 346  
Privacy Act of 1974," 88 Stat. 571, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, as amended, 347  
and any regulations promulgated under that act, and section 348  
3319.321 of the Revised Code; 349

(29) If a school operates using the blended learning 350  
model, as defined in section 3301.079 of the Revised Code, all 351  
of the following information: 352

(a) An indication of what blended learning model or models 353  
will be used; 354

(b) A description of how student instructional needs will 355  
be determined and documented; 356

(c) The method to be used for determining competency, 357  
granting credit, and promoting students to a higher grade level; 358

(d) The school's attendance requirements, including how 359  
the school will document participation in learning 360  
opportunities; 361

(e) A statement describing how student progress will be monitored;	362 363
(f) A statement describing how private student data will be protected;	364 365
(g) A description of the professional development activities that will be offered to teachers.	366 367
(30) A provision requiring that all moneys the school's operator loans to the school, including facilities loans or cash flow assistance, must be accounted for, documented, and bear interest at a fair market rate;	368 369 370 371
(31) A provision requiring that, if the governing authority contracts with an attorney, accountant, or entity specializing in audits, the attorney, accountant, or entity shall be independent from the operator with which the school has contracted.	372 373 374 375 376
(B) The community school shall also submit to the sponsor a comprehensive plan for the school. The plan shall specify the following:	377 378 379
(1) The process by which the governing authority of the school will be selected in the future;	380 381
(2) The management and administration of the school;	382
(3) If the community school is a currently existing public school or educational service center building, alternative arrangements for current public school students who choose not to attend the converted school and for teachers who choose not to teach in the school or building after conversion;	383 384 385 386 387
(4) The instructional program and educational philosophy of the school;	388 389

(5) Internal financial controls.	390
When submitting the plan under this division, the school	391
shall also submit copies of all policies and procedures	392
regarding internal financial controls adopted by the governing	393
authority of the school.	394
(C) A contract entered into under section 3314.02 of the	395
Revised Code between a sponsor and the governing authority of a	396
community school may provide for the community school governing	397
authority to make payments to the sponsor, which is hereby	398
authorized to receive such payments as set forth in the contract	399
between the governing authority and the sponsor. The total	400
amount of such payments for monitoring, oversight, and technical	401
assistance of the school shall not exceed three per cent of the	402
total amount of payments for operating expenses that the school	403
receives from the state.	404
(D) The contract shall specify the duties of the sponsor	405
which shall be in accordance with the written agreement entered	406
into with the department of education under division (B) of	407
section 3314.015 of the Revised Code and shall include the	408
following:	409
(1) Monitor the community school's compliance with all	410
laws applicable to the school and with the terms of the	411
contract;	412
(2) Monitor and evaluate the academic and fiscal	413
performance and the organization and operation of the community	414
school on at least an annual basis;	415
(3) Report on an annual basis the results of the	416
evaluation conducted under division (D) (2) of this section to	417
the department of education and to the parents of students	418

enrolled in the community school; 419

(4) Provide technical assistance to the community school 420  
in complying with laws applicable to the school and terms of the 421  
contract; 422

(5) Take steps to intervene in the school's operation to 423  
correct problems in the school's overall performance, declare 424  
the school to be on probationary status pursuant to section 425  
3314.073 of the Revised Code, suspend the operation of the 426  
school pursuant to section 3314.072 of the Revised Code, or 427  
terminate the contract of the school pursuant to section 3314.07 428  
of the Revised Code as determined necessary by the sponsor; 429

(6) Have in place a plan of action to be undertaken in the 430  
event the community school experiences financial difficulties or 431  
closes prior to the end of a school year. 432

(E) Upon the expiration of a contract entered into under 433  
this section, the sponsor of a community school may, with the 434  
approval of the governing authority of the school, renew that 435  
contract for a period of time determined by the sponsor, but not 436  
ending earlier than the end of any school year, if the sponsor 437  
finds that the school's compliance with applicable laws and 438  
terms of the contract and the school's progress in meeting the 439  
academic goals prescribed in the contract have been 440  
satisfactory. Any contract that is renewed under this division 441  
remains subject to the provisions of sections 3314.07, 3314.072, 442  
and 3314.073 of the Revised Code. 443

(F) If a community school fails to open for operation 444  
within one year after the contract entered into under this 445  
section is adopted pursuant to division (D) of section 3314.02 446  
of the Revised Code or permanently closes prior to the 447

expiration of the contract, the contract shall be void and the 448  
school shall not enter into a contract with any other sponsor. A 449  
school shall not be considered permanently closed because the 450  
operations of the school have been suspended pursuant to section 451  
3314.072 of the Revised Code. 452

Sec. 3314.145. (A) A community school, member of a 453  
community school governing authority, community school employee 454  
or volunteer, community school operator, or employee or 455  
volunteer of a community school operator, including a coach, is 456  
not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or 457  
loss to person or property allegedly arising from providing 458  
services or performing duties under section 3313.5310 of the 459  
Revised Code, unless the act or omission constitutes willful or 460  
wanton misconduct. 461

(B) This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any 462  
other immunity or defense that a community school, member of a 463  
community school governing authority, community school employee 464  
or volunteer, community school operator, or employee or 465  
volunteer of a community school operator, including a coach, may 466  
be entitled to under Chapter 2744. or any other provision of the 467  
Revised Code or under the common law of this state. 468

**Sec. 3326.11.** Each science, technology, engineering, and 469  
mathematics school established under this chapter and its 470  
governing body shall comply with sections 9.90, 9.91, 109.65, 471  
121.22, 149.43, 2151.357, 2151.421, 2313.19, 2921.42, 2921.43, 472  
3301.0714, 3301.0715, 3301.948, 3313.14, 3313.15, 3313.16, 473  
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4113.52, and 5705.391 and Chapters 102., 117., 1347., 2744., 485  
3307., 3309., 3365., 3742., 4112., 4123., 4141., and 4167. of 486  
the Revised Code as if it were a school district. 487

Sec. 3326.29. (A) A STEM school, member of a STEM school 488  
governing body, or STEM school employee or volunteer, including 489  
a coach, is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, 490  
death, or loss to person or property allegedly arising from 491  
providing services or performing duties under section 3313.5310 492  
of the Revised Code, unless the act or omission constitutes 493  
willful or wanton misconduct. 494

(B) This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any 495  
other immunity or defense that a STEM school, member of a STEM 496  
school governing body, or STEM school employee or volunteer, 497  
including a coach, may be entitled to under Chapter 2744. or any 498  
other provision of the Revised Code or under the common law of 499  
this state. 500

Sec. 3707.58. (A) As used in this section: 501

(1) "Athletic activity" has the same meaning as in section 502  
3313.5310 of the Revised Code. 503

(2) "Youth athlete" means an individual who wishes to 504  
practice for or compete in athletic activities organized by a 505  
youth sports organization; 506

(3) "Youth sports organization" has the same meaning as in 507  
section 3707.51 of the Revised Code. 508

(B) Prior to the start of each athletic season, a youth 509  
sports organization that is subject to this section may hold an 510  
informational meeting for youth athletes, parents, guardians, 511  
other persons having care or charge of a youth athlete, 512  
physicians, pediatric cardiologists, athletic trainers, and any 513  
other persons regarding the symptoms and warning signs of sudden 514  
cardiac arrest for all ages of youth athletes. 515

(C) No youth athlete shall participate in an athletic 516  
activity organized by a youth sports organization until the 517  
youth athlete has submitted to a designated official of the 518  
youth sports organization a form signed by the youth athlete and 519  
the parent, guardian, or other person having care or charge of 520  
the youth athlete stating that the youth athlete and the parent, 521  
guardian, or other person having care or charge of the youth 522  
athlete have received and reviewed a copy of the information 523  
developed by the departments of health and education and posted 524  
on their respective internet web sites as required by section 525  
3707.59 of the Revised Code. A completed form shall be submitted 526  
each year for each athletic activity in which the youth athlete 527  
participates. 528

(D) No individual shall coach an athletic activity 529  
organized by a youth sports organization unless the individual 530  
has completed, on an annual basis, the sudden cardiac arrest 531  
training course approved by the department of health under 532  
division (C) of section 3707.59 of the Revised Code. 533

(E) (1) A youth athlete shall not be allowed to participate 534  
in an athletic activity organized by a youth sports organization 535  
if either of the following is the case: 536

(a) The youth athlete's biological parent, biological sibling, or biological child has previously experienced sudden cardiac arrest, and the youth athlete has not been evaluated and cleared for participation in an athletic activity organized by a youth sports organization by a physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery. 537  
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(b) The youth athlete is known to have exhibited syncope or fainting at any time prior to or following an athletic activity and has not been evaluated and cleared for return under division (E) (3) of this section after exhibiting syncope or fainting. 544  
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(2) A youth athlete shall be removed by the youth athlete's coach from participation in an athletic activity organized by a youth sports organization if the youth athlete exhibits syncope or fainting. 549  
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(3) If a youth athlete is not allowed to participate in or is removed from participation in an athletic activity organized by a youth sports organization under division (E) (1) or (2) of this section, the youth athlete shall not return to participation until the youth athlete is evaluated and cleared for return in writing by any of the following: 553  
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(a) A physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery; 559  
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(b) A certified nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or certified nurse-midwife who holds a certificate of authority issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code; 562  
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(c) A physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the 565

Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic 566  
medicine and surgery who specializes in cardiology. 567

The licensed health care providers specified in divisions 568  
(E) (3) (a) and (b) of this section may consult with any other 569  
licensed or certified health care providers in order to 570  
determine whether a youth athlete is ready to return to 571  
participation. 572

(F) A youth sports organization that is subject to this 573  
section shall establish penalties for a coach who violates the 574  
provisions of division (E) of this section. 575

(G) (1) A youth sports organization or official, employee, 576  
or volunteer of a youth sports organization, including a coach, 577  
is not liable in damages in a civil action for injury, death, or 578  
loss to person or property allegedly arising from providing 579  
services or performing duties under this section, unless the act 580  
or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct. 581

(2) This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any 582  
other immunity or defense that a public entity, public official, 583  
or public employee may be entitled to under Chapter 2744. or any 584  
other provision of the Revised Code or under the common law of 585  
this state. 586

**Sec. 3707.59.** (A) The department of health and the 587  
department of education jointly shall develop and shall post on 588  
their respective internet web sites guidelines and other 589  
relevant materials to inform and educate students participating 590  
in or desiring to participate in an athletic activity, their 591  
parents, and their coaches about the nature and warning signs of 592  
sudden cardiac arrest. These guidelines and materials shall 593  
address the risks associated with continuing to participate in 594

an athletic activity after experiencing one or more symptoms of 595  
sudden cardiac arrest, such as fainting, difficulty breathing, 596  
chest pains, dizziness, and an abnormal racing heart rate. In 597  
developing guidelines and other relevant materials under this 598  
division, the department of health and the department of 599  
education shall consult with the Ohio chapter of the American 600  
college of cardiology and with an interscholastic conference or 601  
an organization that regulates interscholastic athletic 602  
competition and conducts interscholastic athletic events. 603

(B) In developing guidelines and materials under division 604  
(A) of this section, the departments may utilize existing 605  
materials developed by the parent heart watch organization, the 606  
sudden arrhythmia death syndromes foundation, and any other 607  
organizations deemed appropriate by the departments. 608

(C) For purposes of the training required for a coach of 609  
an athletic activity under division (D) of section 3313.5310 of 610  
the Revised Code, the department of health shall approve a 611  
sudden cardiac arrest training course offered by an outside 612  
entity. 613

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3314.03 and 3326.11 of 614  
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 615

**Section 3.** This act shall be known as "Lindsay's Law." 616

**Section 4.** Section 3314.03 of the Revised Code is 617  
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 618  
by both Am. Sub. H.B. 2 and Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st 619  
General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle 620  
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 621  
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 622  
simultaneous operation, finds that the composite is the 623

resulting version of the section in effect prior to the  
effective date of the section as presented in this act.

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