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As part of our commitment to provide you with a legal resource that can offer cogent day-to-day advice and clear strategies for a secure future, we offer our pledge to also be your partner in information. We recognize the need for you to be immediately responsive to the changing requirements of the law, government regulations, and community needs. As such, our office will prepare *Action Papers* in response to the ever-changing laws and regulations affecting public education. Receipt of an Action Paper is an indication that your School District may want to consider changing a practice or policy. It also may indicate that your District is required by law to initiate or discontinue a practice or policy.

## **Re: Implementation of Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act**

We have received several inquiries related to the implementation of the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act, also known as Act 59 of 2012 (hereinafter "the Act"). The following is an update to our previous Action Paper to provide additional information about the Act.

Foremost, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PDH) has issued a document containing the information that will serve as the training course for athletic coaches to read and sign in compliance with the Act. A copy of this document is attached for your convenience. As the PDH will not have a full training course developed by the time the Act has gone into effect (July 30, 2012), the attached document will serve as both the training guide and acknowledgement form. The PDH is working on developing a more thorough training course for use in the future. The final course will be posted on their website after completion.

Furthermore, a model acknowledgment form for students and parents/guardians has been issued and is attached for your use. The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association is also updating its student athlete forms to include an acknowledgment section in compliance with the Act.

Finally, we encourage you to develop or amend all of your applicable sports safety policies to include the new requirements of this Act.



Please share this action paper with all appropriate personnel, specifically including your school district's athletic directors. The attorneys at Andrews & Price are prepared to assist you in compliance reviews or the development of new policies. Should you have any questions on the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act, or its impact on your school district, or any other related issues, please contact any one of our attorneys.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amie Thompson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Amie Thompson

