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HOUSE BILL NO. 252

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EDUCATION: Provides relative to the provision of cardiac health information to student athletes and their parents

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:440.3, relative to school employees; to require communication to parents  
3 of student athletes relative to cardiac health; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 17:440.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 §440.3. Cardiac health; student athletes, parents; communication

7 A. The state Department of Education shall provide written information to  
8 public school governing authorities relative to cardiac health. Such information shall  
9 include at a minimum requirement that a student athlete who has or has had a cardiac  
10 health issue must meet before returning to participation in athletics.

11 B. Each public school governing authority shall distribute the information  
12 provided for in Subsection A of this Section in writing to student athletes and their  
13 parents and legal guardians. Coaches, athletic trainers, athletic directors, or other  
14 appropriate school personnel shall collect signatures from parents indicating receipt  
15 and understanding of the requirements outlined in the communication.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 252 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires distribution of certain cardiac health information to student athletes and their parents.

Present law requires each public school nurse, coach, athletic trainer, and athletic director, to complete annually a sudden cardiac arrest education program developed by the state Dept. of Education (DOE).

Proposed law further requires DOE to provide to public school governing authorities written communication relative to student athletes returning to athletics after a cardiac event. Requires public school governing authorities to distribute such communication to parents and legal guardians of athletes and to obtain signatures acknowledging receipt and understanding.

(Adds R.S. 17:440.3)