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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 226

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST PREVENTION ACT; TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS RELATED TO SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND THE SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST PREVENTION ACT; AND TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS RELATED TO SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-708(b), concerning health and safety in public schools and requirements for professional development in schools, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Every three (3) years as part of the requirements for professional development, a person employed by a school district as an athletics coach, licensed teacher coach, registered volunteer, or competitive or noncompetitive spirit coach shall complete training on the events and conditions identified in subsection (a) of this section.

(2) In addition to the training under subdivision (b)(1) of this section, a person employed by a school district as an athletics coach, licensed teacher coach, registered volunteer, or competitive or noncompetitive spirit coach shall maintain a Basic Life Support certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillation in



accordance with best practices of the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association, or both.

(3) The training under this section may include a component on best practices for a coach to educate parents of students involved in athletics on sports safety.

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