

2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1039**AMENDMENT 1039A
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to provide requirements related to the cardiac health evaluation of minors.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 13-33A:**

4 Before participating in an athletic activity sponsored by, or affiliated with, a public
5 or private school, a student shall undergo, within one year of the first day of the activity's
6 season, a pre-participation physical examination.

7 A pre-participation physical examination must be performed by a licensed health
8 care practitioner, acting within the practitioner's scope of practice. The practitioner shall
9 document the examination using a physical evaluation form approved by the Department
10 of Health. The form must include questions on the student's personal and family history
11 related to cardiac health.

12 A student may not participate in an athletic activity described in this section unless
13 the student provides a copy of the form, signed by the practitioner, to the administrator
14 of the student's school.

15 ~~**Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 13-33A:**~~

16 ~~The Department of Health shall develop, using guidelines set forth by nationally recognized~~
17 ~~organizations focused on cardiac health, a document that provides information on sudden~~
18 ~~cardiac arrest and the screening options available to detect conditions that may lead to sudden~~
19 ~~cardiac arrest.~~

20 ~~The department shall post the document to the department's website and send a copy of the~~
21 ~~document to every school district.~~

22 ~~At the beginning of each academic year, every school district must distribute the document~~
23 ~~to all students.~~

1 **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 34-24:**

2 A licensed health care practitioner who performs a physical examination of a minor
3 shall evaluate the minor's personal and family history related to cardiac health.

4 ~~Section 4. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 34-24:~~

5 ~~The Department of Health shall develop informational materials on child cardiac health for~~
6 ~~medical practitioners. The materials must address how to:~~

7 ~~(1) Identify symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest that require referral to a cardiologist;~~

8 ~~(2) Obtain a detailed medical history and perform a cardiovascular physical examination;~~

9 ~~(3) Recognize normal structural changes of the heart;~~

10 ~~(4) Recognize prodromal symptoms that precede sudden cardiac arrest; and~~

11 ~~(5) Review the major etiologies of sudden cardiac death.~~

12 ~~The materials must be posted on the department's website.~~