



August 29, 2016

The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1639 (Maienschein) Pupil health: The Eric Paredes Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act
AAP-CA Position: Support

Dear Governor Brown:

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA) representing 5,000 California pediatricians strongly supports AB 1639 (Maienschein). This bill would create the Eric Paredes Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act and would require the State Department of Education to develop guidelines and publish information on sudden cardiac arrest symptoms and warning signs, as well as add regulation to school athletics programs regarding sudden cardiac arrest.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics policy statement *Pediatric Sudden Cardiac Arrest*:

“Pediatric sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), which can cause sudden cardiac death if not treated within minutes, has a profound effect on everyone: children, parents, family members, communities, and health care providers. Preventing the tragedy of pediatric SCA, defined as the abrupt and unexpected loss of heart function, remains a concern to all... The published outcomes for out-of-hospital pediatric cardiac arrest are dismal; survival to hospital discharge occurs in approximately