



# Executive Director's Update

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*An Update from Roger L. Blake, Executive Director*

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## **NEW LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION CODE REQUIRES FOR CIF MEMBER SCHOOLS**

During this past California Legislative Session, 5,617 bills were introduced with 2,552 completing the process through both the Senate and the Assembly making it to the Governors' desk. Several bills have a direct impact on CIF member schools and three specific bills were supported by the CIF. Two were successfully signed by the Governor regarding Afterschool Emergency Action Plans/AEDs and adding Heat Illness Prevention to Coaching Education requirements. The CIF and the CIF Sports Medicine Committee have long advocated that schools adopt these types of policies for many years.

### **AB 2009 (Maienschein): Title: Interscholastic Athletic Programs: School Districts: Written Emergency Action Plans: Automated External Defibrillator**

Summary: This bill requires, if a school district or charter school elects to offer any interscholastic athletic programs, the school district or charter school must: Ensure that there is a written emergency action plan in place and posted that describes the location and procedures to be followed in the event of sudden cardiac arrest or other medical emergencies related to the athletic program's activities or events. Acquire, commencing July 1, 2019, at least one automated external defibrillator (AED) for each school within the district or charter school to be available on campus. Encourage that the AED or AEDs are available for the purpose of rendering emergency care or treatment. Ensure that the AED or AEDs are available to athletic trainers and coaches and authorized persons at the athletic program's on-campus activities or events. Ensure that the AED or AEDs are maintained and regularly tested. The bill expressly states that an employee is not liable for civil damages resulting from certain uses, attempted uses, or non-uses of an AED in the rendering of emergency care or treatment pursuant to the bill's provisions.

### **AB 1766 (Maienschein): Public Safety Pools**

Summary: This bill requires public swimming pools that are required to provide lifeguard services and that charge a direct fee, to additionally provide an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) during pool operations. The bill also requires the California Department of Education, in consultation with the California Department of Public Health, to issue best practices guidelines related to pool safety at K-12 schools. The bill references Education Code Sections (E.C.) 1797.196 and E.C. 49417 for purposes of providing information to schools about applicable liability protections for schools and personnel.

### **AB 2009 (Maienschein): Title: High School Athletics: California High School Coaching Education and Training Program: Heat Illness**

Summary: This bill includes that a basic understanding of the signs and symptoms of heat illness and the appropriate response to heat illness be included within the California Interscholastic Federation High School Coaching Education and Training Program. The bill authorizes heat illness training to be fulfilled through entities offering free, online, or other types of training courses.

We are extremely disappointed that once again an effort to ensure that Athletic Trainers are recognized and licensed as medical professionals, as it is in 48 other states, failed to gain the necessary legislative support. Depending on who you ask and their point of view, this is ultimately a "turf war" over scope of practice by those already licensed by the State of California.

### **AB 3110 (Mullin): Title: Athletic Trainers Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Held on the Suspense File**

Summary: This bill would enact the Athletic Training Practice Act, which would, after a determination is made that sufficient funds have been received to pay initial costs of this bill, provide for the licensure and regulation of athletic trainers. The bill would, after that determination, establish the Athletic Trainer Licensing Committee within the California Board of Occupational Therapy to implement these provisions, including issuing and renewing athletic training licenses and imposing disciplinary action.

## NEW FREE ONLINE CLASS FOR COACHES, STUDENTS, PARENTS AND ADMINISTRATORS:

### PROTECTING STUDENTS FROM ABUSE



Abusive behaviors and misconduct do not belong within athletic and activity programs. To assist in creating an enjoyable and safe environment for students, the U.S. Center for SafeSport, in collaboration with the NFHS, has developed a free online course, “Protecting Students from Abuse.” The course presents definitions of several types of abusive behaviors and misconduct, the signs and symptoms of abuse, and the ways in which someone can report these behaviors. The course also includes some DOs and DON'Ts for making a report.

Click the link below for more information.

<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/61157/protecting-students-from-abuse>

### 2018-19 AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINES

The CIF State office offers several awards and scholarships throughout the school year. Deadlines include *(all applications must be postmarked by the respective deadline)*:

- **Winter Spirit of Sport Award** – Jan. 22, 2019
- **Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award** – Feb. 11, 2019
- **Spring Spirit of Sport Award** – Feb. 19, 2019

Please visit [www.cifstate.org](http://www.cifstate.org) for applications and more information on CIF Awards and Scholarships.

## IMPORTANT 2018-19 SAT & ACT TEST DATES

Advanced planning by all involved will help reduce potential conflicts later in the year.

### SAT Test Dates

~~October 6, 2018~~  
November 3, 2018  
December 1, 2018  
March 9, 2019  
May 4, 2019  
June 1, 2019

### ACT Test Dates

October 27, 2018  
December 8, 2018  
February 9, 2019  
April 13, 2019  
June 8, 2019  
July 13, 2019