



**Supporting Athletes, Families and Educators
to Protect the Lives of Athletic Youth (SAFE PLAY) Act**

Promoting Best Practices in Youth Athlete Safety

More than seven million high school students participate in athletics each year. The families of these athletes have seen an increase in sports related illnesses such as sudden cardiac arrest—the top cause of death among youth, concussions, and heat stroke. The Supporting Athletes, Families and Educators to Protect the Lives of Athletic Youth (SAFE PLAY) Act seeks to address these concerns through best practices, support for schools, and quality research.

S. 436 and H.R. 829

- **S. 436 and H.R. 829 are bills containing best practices, a multidisciplinary approach to research, and federal support to ensure student athletes' safety in schools.**
- **S. 436 and H.R. 829 provide assistance to school districts in developing and implementing concussion safety and management teams and plans.**
- **S. 436 and H.R. 829 are common-sense pieces of legislation that not only keep students safe but increase surveillance efforts for life-threatening cardiac conditions in children.**
- **S. 436 and H.R. 829 direct the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to: recommend guidelines for the development of emergency action plans; develop and disseminate information about health risks linked to excessive heat and humidity; and to develop information and guidelines on energy drink consumption.**

NATA Urges You to Become a Co-sponsor of S. 436 or H.R. 829 by contacting: Michael Barnard, with Senator Robert Menendez at Michael_Barnard@mail.house.gov or 4x4744 or Erick Siahhaan with Representative Lois Capps at Erick.Siahhaan@mail.house.gov or 5x3601

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