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## Rep. Allen proposes bill in honor of Waukesha athlete Kai Lermer

Rep. Scott Allen of Waukesha and Senator Alberta Darling of River Hills are currently circulating legislation for co-sponsorship known as "The Kai Lermer Bill".

Kai Lermer was a Varsity Tri-Athlete at Waukesha North High School. After Kai's sudden passing, his family was told that an electrocardiogram (ECG or EKG) test could have discovered a previously unknown heart condition and saved Kai's life.

"It is an honor to work with Senator Alberta Darling on such an important piece of legislation. Sudden cardiac arrest may be avoidable. You can't make a choice to see a cardiologist and get a screening unless you know that option is available. This bill empowers parents and participants in youth sports to determine what is in their best interests. I'm grateful that Mike Lermer brought this issue to our attention, and hope that what we learned with Kai's loss will save the lives of other young people."

Mirroring Wisconsin's concussion legislation, LRB-0651, if signed into law, would provide parents or guardians information about Sudden Cardiac Arrest in student-athletes. Parents would then be able to opt-in for a test of their child.

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The 97<sup>th</sup> Assembly District includes portions of the City and Village of Waukesha and the Towns of Genesee, and Mukwonago.