

1 HB9
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1 for a youth athlete to sustain a serious physical injury,
2 including, but not limited to, the sports of football,
3 basketball, baseball, volleyball, soccer, ice or field hockey,
4 cheerleading, and lacrosse.

5 (4) YOUTH ATHLETE. Individuals age 14 and under
6 participating in an organized sport.

7 Section 2. (a) Any state or political subdivision of
8 a state affiliated youth athletics association that sponsors
9 or conducts sports training or high risk youth athletic
10 activities for children age 14 years and younger shall require
11 all unpaid or volunteer athletics personnel to complete an
12 online or residence course which provides him or her with
13 information and awareness of actions and measures that may be
14 used to decrease the likelihood that a youth athlete will
15 sustain a serious injury while engaged or participating in a
16 high risk youth athletics activity.

17 (b) Youth athletics activities under this section
18 include organized sports activities conducted by either of the
19 following:

20 (1) Public and private schools under the
21 Interscholastic Athletic Association.

22 (2) Any youth athletics association that conducts
23 youth athletics events at any facility, field, gymnasium,
24 park, or other property owned, leased, operated, or maintained
25 by the state or any political subdivision of the state.

26 (c) Any youth injury mitigating and information
27 course required to be taken by an unpaid or volunteer coach or

1 trainer under this section, at a minimum, shall provide
2 information on the following subjects:

3 (1) Emergency preparedness, planning, and rehearsal
4 for traumatic injuries.

5 (2) Concussions and head trauma.

6 (3) Heat and extreme weather related injury
7 familiarization.

8 (4) Physical conditioning and training equipment
9 usage.

10 (d) Any youth injury mitigating and information
11 course required to be completed by an unpaid or volunteer
12 coach or trainer under this section shall be at no cost to the
13 individual.

14 (e) Any individual required to take an injury
15 mitigating course under this section shall complete the course
16 within 30 days of becoming actively engaged in, or serving as,
17 an athletic trainer or coach for the association.

18 (f) Any state or political subdivision of a state
19 affiliated youth athletic association that conducts high risk
20 youth athletic activities or events that requires unpaid or
21 volunteer coaches and trainers to complete an injury
22 mitigating course under this section shall maintain a record
23 of individual course completion for as long as that individual
24 serves as athletic personnel for the association.

25 (g) The course requirement under this section shall
26 be an annual requirement to be completed not later than the
27 anniversary of the date on which the individual became

1 actively engaged in serving as athletic personnel for the
2 association.

3 (h) All licensed and certified athletic trainers,
4 doctors, nurses, first responders, and health care
5 professionals with acute traumatic life support training shall
6 be exempt from the course requirement under this section.

7 (i) This act may not be construed to eliminate the
8 involvement of athletic trainers at youth athletic events.

9 (j) This act shall not be construed to impose any
10 new liability or new requirements upon political subdivisions
11 of the state.

12 ~~(j)~~(k) Athletics personnel who complete an online or
13 residence course under this act shall be exempt from liability
14 under the good samaritan law.

15 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the
16 first day of the third month following its passage and
17 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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