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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to youth athletic activity; creating
3 s. 381.796, F.S.; defining the terms "athletics
4 personnel" and "high-risk youth athletic activity";
5 requiring an entity that administers or conducts a
6 high-risk youth athletic activity or training related
7 to such activity on certain property to require
8 certain unpaid or volunteer personnel to complete a
9 specified course; requiring such personnel to complete
10 the course within a specified number of days and then
11 annually thereafter; authorizing the course to be
12 offered online or in person; prohibiting personnel
13 from being charged a fee for the course; requiring the
14 course to include specified information; exempting
15 licensed athletic trainers from being required to take
16 the course; requiring the Department of Health to
17 adopt rules to implement the act; providing an
18 effective date.

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20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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22 Section 1. Section 381.796, Florida Statutes, is created to
23 read:

24 381.796 High-risk youth athletic activities.—

25 (1) For the purposes of this section, the term:

26 (a) "Athletics personnel" means an individual who is
27 actively involved in organizing, conducting, or coaching a high-
28 risk youth athletic activity or an individual involved with
29 training a child for participation in a high-risk youth athletic

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30 activity.

31 (b) "High-risk youth athletic activity" means any organized
32 sport for children 14 years of age or younger in which there is
33 a significant possibility for the child to sustain a serious
34 physical injury. The term includes, but is not limited to, the
35 sports of football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, soccer,
36 ice or field hockey, cheerleading, and lacrosse.

37 (2) Any entity that administers or conducts a high-risk
38 youth athletic activity, or training for such activity, on land
39 owned, leased, operated, or maintained by the state or a
40 political subdivision of the state must require any unpaid or
41 volunteer athletics personnel to complete a Department of Health
42 approved course that provides him or her with information on how
43 to prevent or decrease the chances of a participant in a high-
44 risk youth athletic activity from sustaining a serious injury.

45 (a) The course must be completed within 30 days of such
46 athletics personnel's initial involvement with the high-risk
47 youth athletic activity and must be completed annually
48 thereafter.

49 (b) The course may be offered online or in person, and the
50 athletics personnel may not be charged any fee relating to the
51 course.

52 (c) The course must include information on:

53 1. Emergency preparedness, planning, and rehearsal in
54 relation to traumatic injuries;

55 2. Concussions and head trauma;

56 3. Injuries resulting from heat or extreme weather; and

57 4. Physical conditioning and the proper use of training
58 equipment.

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59 (d) Such entity must maintain a record of each athletics
60 personnel who completes the course for the entirety of his or
61 her service as an unpaid or volunteer athletics personnel.

62 (3) An athletic trainer licensed under chapter 468 is
63 exempt from the course requirements in this section.

64 (4) The department shall adopt rules to implement this
65 section.

66 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.