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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to youth athletic activities; creating  
3           s. 381.796, F.S.; defining the term "athletics  
4           personnel"; requiring the Department of Health to  
5           define a term by rule; requiring an entity that  
6           administers or conducts a high-risk youth athletic  
7           activity or related training on certain property to  
8           require unpaid or volunteer athletics personnel to  
9           complete a specified course; providing that the course  
10          must be offered at no charge to such personnel;  
11          providing that the course may be offered online or in  
12          person; providing requirements for course content;  
13          requiring such personnel to complete the course within  
14          a specified timeframe after their initial involvement,  
15          and annually thereafter; providing an exemption;  
16          requiring entities to maintain specified records;  
17          requiring the department to adopt rules; 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 "athletics  
26 personnel" means an individual who is actively involved in  
27 organizing, conducting, or coaching a high-risk youth athletic  
28 activity or an individual who is involved with training a child  
29 for participation in a high-risk youth athletic activity. The

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30 department shall define by rule what constitutes a high-risk  
31 youth athletic activity for purposes of this section.

32 (2) Any entity that administers or conducts a high-risk  
33 youth athletic activity, or training for such activity, on land  
34 owned, leased, operated, or maintained by the state or a  
35 political subdivision of the state shall require any unpaid or  
36 volunteer athletics personnel to complete a course approved by  
37 the department which provides them with information on the  
38 avoidance or prevention of serious physical injury to  
39 participants in high-risk youth athletic activities.

40 (a) The course, which must be offered at no charge to the  
41 athletics personnel, may be offered online or in person and must  
42 include information on:

43 1. Emergency preparedness, planning, and rehearsal in  
44 relation to traumatic injuries;  
45 2. Concussions and head trauma;  
46 3. Injuries resulting from heat or extreme weather; and  
47 4. Physical conditioning and the proper use of training  
48 equipment.

49 (b) Each individual who serves in such a position shall  
50 complete the course within 30 days after his or her initial  
51 involvement with the high-risk youth athletic activity, and  
52 annually thereafter; however, this paragraph does not apply to  
53 an athletic trainer licensed under chapter 468.

54 (c) The entity shall maintain a record of each individual  
55 who completes the course for the entirety of his or her unpaid  
56 or volunteer service.

57 (3) The department shall adopt rules to implement this  
58 section.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.