

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

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

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 19           Section 1. Section 381.796, Florida Statutes, is created  
 20 to read:

21           381.796 High-risk youth athletic activities.—  
 22           (1) For the purposes of this section, the term:  
 23           (a) "Athletics personnel" means an individual who is  
 24           actively involved in organizing, conducting, or coaching a high-  
 25           risk youth athletic activity or an individual involved with

26 training a child for participation in a high-risk youth athletic  
27 activity.

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

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

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

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

50 (c) The course must include information on:

51           1. Emergency preparedness, planning, and rehearsal in  
 52 relation to traumatic injuries;  
 53           2. Concussions and head trauma;  
 54           3. Injuries resulting from heat or extreme weather; and  
 55           4. Physical conditioning and the proper use of training  
 56 equipment.  
 57           (d) The entity must maintain a record of each athletics  
 58 personnel who completes the course for the entirety of his or  
 59 her service as an unpaid or volunteer athletics personnel.  
 60           (3) An athletic trainer licensed under chapter 468 is  
 61 exempt from the course requirements in this section.  
 62           (4) The department shall adopt rules to implement this  
 63 section.  
 64           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.