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; providing that the course may be offered online or in 10 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; amending s. 1012.55, F.S.; 16 revising the requirements for certain athletic coaches 17 to include certification in cardiopulmonary 18 resuscitation, first aid, and the use of an automatic 19 external defibrillator; providing requirements for such certification; providing an effective date. 20 21 22 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 23 24 Section 1. Section 381.796, Florida Statutes, is created

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to read:

381.796 High-risk youth athletic activities.-

- (1) For the purposes of this section, the term:
- (a) "Athletics personnel" means an individual who is actively involved in organizing, conducting, or coaching a high-risk youth athletic activity or an individual involved with training a child for participation in a high-risk youth athletic activity.
- (b) "High-risk youth athletic activity" means any organized sport for children 14 years of age or younger in which there is a significant possibility for the child to sustain a serious physical injury. The term includes, but is not limited to, the sports of football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, soccer, ice or field hockey, cheerleading, and lacrosse.
- (2) Any entity that administers or conducts a high-risk youth athletic activity, or training for such activity, on land owned, leased, operated, or maintained by the state or a political subdivision of the state must require any unpaid or volunteer athletics personnel to complete a course approved by the Department of Health that provides such personnel with information on how to prevent or decrease the chances of a participant in a high-risk youth athletic activity from sustaining a serious physical injury.
- (a) The course must be completed within 30 days after the athletics personnel's initial involvement with the high-risk youth athletic activity and must be completed annually

| 51 | thereafter. |
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| 52 | (b) The course may be offered online or in person, and the |
| 53 | athletics personnel may not be charged any fee relating to the |
| 54 | course. |
| 55 | (c) The course must include information on all of the |
| 56 | following: |
| 57 | 1. Emergency preparedness, planning, and rehearsal in |
| 58 | relation to traumatic injuries. |
| 59 | 2. Concussions and head trauma. |
| 60 | 3. Injuries resulting from heat or extreme weather. |
| 61 | 4. Physical conditioning and the proper use of training |
| 62 | equipment. |
| 63 | (d) The entity must maintain a record of each athletics |
| 64 | personnel who completes the course for the entirety of his or |
| 65 | her service as an unpaid or volunteer athletics personnel. |
| 66 | (3) An athletic trainer licensed under chapter 468 is |
| 67 | exempt from this section. |
| 68 | (4) The department shall adopt rules to implement this |
| 69 | section. |
| 70 | Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section |
| 71 | 1012.55, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: |
| 72 | 1012.55 Positions for which certificates required.— |
| 73 | (2)(a) 1 . Each person who is employed and renders service |
| 74 | as an athletic coach in any public school in any district of |

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this state shall:

| <u>a.</u> Hold a valid temporary or professional certificate or |
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| an athletic coaching certificate. The athletic coaching |
| certificate may be used for either part-time or full-time |
| positions. |

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- b. Hold and maintain a certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, and the use of an automatic external defibrillator. The certification must be consistent with national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care quidelines.
- 2. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to any athletic coach who voluntarily renders service and who is not employed by any public school district of this state.
 - Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.