

26 381.796 High-risk youth athletic activities.-

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

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

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

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

48 (a) The course must be completed within 30 days after the
49 athletics personnel's initial involvement with the high-risk
50 youth athletic activity and must be completed annually

51 thereafter.

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
 75 this state shall:

76 | a. Hold a valid temporary or professional certificate or
77 | an athletic coaching certificate. The athletic coaching
78 | certificate may be used for either part-time or full-time
79 | positions.

80 | b. Hold and maintain a certification in cardiopulmonary
81 | resuscitation, first aid, and the use of an automatic external
82 | defibrillator. The certification must be consistent with
83 | national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care
84 | guidelines.

85 | 2. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to any
86 | athletic coach who voluntarily renders service and who is not
87 | employed by any public school district of this state.

88 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.