

By Senator Grall

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to background screening of athletic
3 coaches; amending s. 943.0438, F.S.; revising the date
4 upon which certain background screenings of athletic
5 coaches must be conducted; providing an effective
6 date.

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

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10 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
11 943.0438, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 943.0438 Athletic coaches for independent sanctioning
13 authorities.—

14 (2) An independent sanctioning authority shall:

15 (a) Effective July 1, 2026, ~~January 1, 2025~~, conduct a
16 level 2 background screening under s. 435.04 of each current and
17 prospective athletic coach. The authority may not delegate this
18 responsibility to an individual team and may not authorize any
19 person to act as an athletic coach unless a level 2 background
20 screening is conducted and does not result in disqualification
21 under paragraph (b).

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.