

HB 431

2025

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.  
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