

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 and
 8 for such entities to maintain a record of personnel
 9 who complete the course for a specified timeframe;
 10 requiring such personnel to complete the course within
 11 a specified timeframe and annually thereafter;
 12 providing that the course may be offered online or in
 13 person; prohibiting personnel from being charged a fee
 14 for the course; requiring the course to include
 15 specified information; providing an exemption for
 16 licensed athletic trainers; requiring the Department
 17 of Health to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

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 21 Section 1. Section 381.796, Florida Statutes, is created
 22 to read:

- 23 381.796 High-risk youth athletic activities.—
 24 (1) For the purposes of this section, the term:
 25 (a) "Athletics personnel" means an individual who is

26 actively involved in organizing, conducting, or coaching a high-
27 risk youth athletic activity or an individual involved with
28 training a child for participation in a high-risk youth athletic
29 activity.

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

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

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

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

51 course.

52 (c) The course must include the following information on:

53 1. Emergency preparedness, planning, and rehearsal in
 54 relation to traumatic injuries.

55 2. Concussions and head trauma.

56 3. Injuries resulting from heat or extreme weather.

57 4. Physical conditioning and the proper use of training
 58 equipment.

59 (d) The entity must maintain a record of each athletics
 60 personnel who completes the course for the entirety of his or
 61 her service as an unpaid or volunteer athletics personnel.

62 (3) An athletic trainer licensed under chapter 468 is
 63 exempt from the course requirements in this section.

64 (4) The department shall adopt rules to implement this
 65 section.

66 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.