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HOUSE BILL NO. 371

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1087.1(B)(1), (2)(introductory paragraph) and (b),
3	(3)(introductory paragraph) and (b), and (4), and (F) and to enact R.S.
4	40:1087.1(B)(6) and (7) and (I), relative to the health and safety of students who
5	participate in school-sanctioned athletics; to provide for an emergency action plan;
6	to provide for coaches certification program; to provide for sports injury
7	management program; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
9	Section 1. R.S. 40:1087.1(B)(1), (2)(introductory paragraph) and (b),
10	(3)(introductory paragraph) and (b), and (4), and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted and
11	R.S. 40:1087.1(B)(6) and (7) and (I) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
12	§1087.1. Comprehensive sports injury management program for student athletics
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14	B. The injury management program shall:
15	(1)(a) Establish a comprehensive emergency action plan for each sport
16	located on the school's campus set of injuries to be classified as "serious sports
17	injuries" for the purposes of the program and define the signs and symptoms of such
18	injuries .
19	(b) The emergency action plan shall be reviewed annually prior to each sport
20	season with all appropriate personnel who are designated by the athletic director's
21	office.
22	(c) The comprehensive emergency action plan shall follow the best practices
23	of the American College of Sports Medicine and the National Athletic Trainers'
24	Association.

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1	(2) Require that any coach, game official, on-field licensed healthcare
2	provider, or <u>licensed</u> athletic trainer remove a student from practice, training, or
3	competition if any of the following circumstances occur:
4	* * *
5	(b) The coach or <u>licensed</u> athletic trainer determines that the student exhibits
6	any defined sign or symptom of a serious sports injury.
7	* * *
8	(3) Ensure that any student who, in accordance with the provisions of this
9	Subpart, is <u>safely</u> removed from practice, training, or competition:
10	* * *
1	(b) May be allowed to return to practice, training, or competition only after
12	the student provides to the coach and an a licensed athletic trainer written
13	authorization from a health professional duly licensed in this state to provide
14	healthcare services or medical treatment.
15	(4) Require that <u>for the purpose of serving the students</u> , school, community,
16	and protecting public safety, each coach or official in school-sponsored or school-
17	sanctioned athletic activities certified by the Coaches Education and Certification
18	Program receive annual documented training regarding the nature and risks of
19	serious sports injuries in accordance with the National High School Coaches
20	Association and the Louisiana High School Coaches Association.
21	* * *
22	(6) Require that each school participating in interscholastic athletics, follow
23	best practices for any activity that does not occur in a climate-controlled facility.
24	These practices shall follow the modified guidelines of the American College of
25	Sports Medicine and the National Athletic Trainers' Association regarding the heat
26	acclimatization and wet bulb globe temperature policy. These policies shall occur
27	on all school campuses where summer conditioning, pre-season practices or games,

or fall or spring sports take place, or when a coach is present.

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1	(7) Include a protocol for licensed athletic trainers, if utilized by the school
2	or school system, to be available for practices or games to assist in the management
3	of emergency and nonemergency care for participants.
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5	F. The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) shall
6	promulgate, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, any rules
7	necessary to implement the sports injury management program provided for in this
8	Subpart. In developing such rules, BESE may engage and solicit input from the
9	Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners and the Sports Medicine Advisory
10	Committee of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association, and may incorporate
11	recommendations of those groups in any final rules providing for a comprehensive
12	sports injury management program.
13	* * *
14	I. As used in this Subpart, the following terms have the meaning ascribed to
15	them in this Section:
16	(1) "Heat acclimatization" means a series of changes or adaptations that
17	occur in response to heat stress in a controlled environment over the course of seven
18	to fourteen days. These adaptations are beneficial to exercise in the heat and allow
19	the body to cope with heat stress.
20	(2) "Wet bulb temperature globe" means a measure of the heat stress in
21	direct sunlight which takes into account temperature, humidity, wind speed, sun
22	angle, and solar radiation.
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	PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
	GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
	APPROVED:

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