

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1955

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHEY.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 168, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to statewide athletic associations.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 168, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 168.631, to read as follows:

**168.631. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**

(1) "Association", a statewide athletic association or organization that receives any public moneys and that has at least one public school district as a member;

(2) "Employee", any staff employed by an association;

(3) "Mandated reporter", an individual with a legal obligation to report to the appropriate state department or local law enforcement agency any suspicion of abuse or neglect or any belief that an act that is prohibited under state law when committed on school property has been committed.

2. An individual who is an employee of an association shall be a mandated reporter as required under this section.

3. Each association shall maintain a database listing each individual who is employed as a coach or a member of a coaching staff by any school district that is an association member. Each association member shall contact all school districts for which an individual has been employed as a coach or a member of a coaching staff before hiring such individual to determine whether there have been any allegations of misconduct or reports of crimes against such individual.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

17           **4. The department of elementary and secondary education may promulgate all**  
18 **necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this section and may consult**  
19 **with any association regulated under this section to determine such necessary rules and**  
20 **regulations. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that**  
21 **is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it**  
22 **complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,**  
23 **section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers**  
24 **vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the**  
25 **effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,**  
26 **then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August**  
27 **28, 2022, shall be invalid and void.**

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