



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 382

HOUSE BILL NO. 457

By Representatives Hakeem, Jernigan, Cepicky, Ragan, Dixie, Thompson,
Helton-Haynes, Love, Chism

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 773

By Senators Lamar, Akbari

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49; Title 62, Chapter 50 and Title 68, relative to youth sports safety.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3601(b), is amended by deleting the language "Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year for each" and substituting "Each".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3601(b), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(3) Each LEA and public charter school shall encourage all coaches, whether employed by the LEA or public charter school or a volunteer, to annually complete training in physical conditioning and in the use of training equipment to the extent such training is readily available.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3601(b)(2)(B), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(B) An emergency action plan that facilitates, organizes, and provides for the rehearsal of the actions of coaches and athletes in an emergency; and

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3601, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting the following:

(d)

(1) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, an LEA or public charter school that provides a school youth athletic activity in which youth fourteen (14) years of age or younger are eligible to participate shall implement subsection (c) and ensure that the safety standards outlined in subsection (b) are implemented by all individuals actively involved in organizing, training, or coaching the school youth athletic activity at the LEA or public charter school.

(2)

(A) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, a private school, as defined in § 49-6-3001, shall implement subsection (c) and ensure that the safety standards outlined in subsection (b) are implemented by all individuals actively involved in organizing, training, or coaching a school youth athletic activity that is provided by the private school, if:

(i) Youth fourteen (14) years of age or younger are eligible to participate in the school youth athletic activity; and

(ii) The school youth athletic activity is conducted on property that is owned, managed, or maintained by this state or a political subdivision of this state.

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(B) Private schools are encouraged to comply with the safety standards outlined in subsections (b) and (c) for school youth athletic activities that are not subject to the requirements of subdivision (d)(2)(A).

(3) Cities, counties, businesses, and nonprofit organizations that organize a community-based youth athletic activity, as defined in §§ 68-6-102 and 68-55-501:

(A) Are encouraged to comply with the safety standards outlined in subdivisions (b)(1)-(3) and subsection (c); and

(B) Shall ensure that at least one (1) individual who is actively involved in organizing, training, or coaching the community-based youth athletic activity has completed, and is in compliance with, the safety standards applicable to coaches and volunteers outlined in subdivisions (b)(1)-(3) and subsection (c), and that at least one (1) individual who has completed, and is in compliance with, the safety standards applicable to coaches and volunteers outlined in subdivisions (b)(1)-(3) and subsection (c) is present at each practice and competition of a community-based youth athletic activity, if:

(i) Youth fourteen (14) years of age or younger are eligible to participate in the community-based youth athletic activity; and

(ii) The community-based youth athletic activity is conducted on property that is owned, managed, or maintained by this state or a political subdivision of this state.

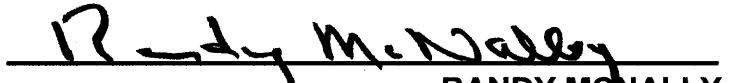
SECTION 5. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 21, 2023



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 11th day of May 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR