

Senator Todd Weiler proposes the following substitute bill:

**ATHLETE INJURY AMENDMENTS**

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Paul Ray**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill shields an amateur sports organization from liability for injuries under certain circumstances.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

► shields an agent of an amateur sports organization and the organization from liability for injuries to an athlete if the organization has a protocol for injuries in place and the protocol was followed and documented at the time of the injury.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**26-53-501**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **26-53-501** is enacted to read:



26            **26-53-501. Liability.**

27            There is a rebuttable presumption that a nonprofit amateur sports organization or an  
28 agent of a nonprofit amateur sports organization was not negligent in causing injuries or future  
29 medical conditions related to an injury suffered by an athlete during a sporting event sponsored  
30 by the amateur sports organization if:

31            (1) the injury is the result of an inherent risk of the activity;

32            (2) the amateur sports organization and the participating team or club has a policy in  
33 place consistent with this chapter;

34            (3) the agents of the amateur sports organization were trained about the policy;

35            (4) the policy applied to the circumstances of and nature of the injury; and

36            (5) the policy was followed and documented at the time of the injury.