

ACT No. 259

2020 Regular Session

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.

1 (2) Require that any coach, game official, on-field licensed healthcare
2 provider, or licensed athletic trainer remove a student from practice, training, or
3 competition if any of the following circumstances occur:

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5 (b) The coach or licensed athletic trainer determines that the student exhibits
6 any defined sign or symptom of a serious sports injury.

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8 (3) Ensure that any student who, in accordance with the provisions of this
9 Subpart, is safely removed from practice, training, or competition:

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11 (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 for the purpose of serving the students, 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.

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

