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SB 260 Engrossed

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Edmonds

Present law provides a limitation of liability for any volunteer athletic coach, manager, athletic trainer, team volunteer health care provider, or sports team official who has participated in a safety orientation and training program established by the league or team with which he is affiliated.

Proposed law defines "youth injury mitigation course".

Proposed law adds a limitation of liability for certain volunteer athletic personnel who have completed a youth injury mitigation course.

Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to establish and administer a process for approving courses that meet the requirements of a youth injury mitigation course.

Proposed law provides that completion of an approved youth injury mitigation course may be used to satisfy the requirements of a safety orientation and training program in present law (R.S. 9:2798).

Proposed law requires each youth injury mitigation course to include instruction on the following:

- (1) Emergency preparedness and planning and rehearsal for responding to traumatic injuries sustained during youth athletic activities.
- (2) Heat and extreme weather-related injuries.
- (3) Musculoskeletal overuse, physical conditioning, recovery, and training equipment usage.
- (4) Heart defects and abnormalities leading to sudden cardiac death.

Proposed law requires LDH to publish and maintain on its official website a list of approved courses not later than 180 days after the effective date of proposed law. Further requires LDH to annually review and update the list of approved injury mitigation courses.

Proposed law authorizes LDH to adopt rules, in accordance with the APA, as necessary to carry out the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law does not require LDH to spend its funds to pay for the development of the training courses provided in proposed law. Further authorizes LDH to accept donated online courses, provided that the donated courses are approved by LDH.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 9:2798(B)(1); Adds R.S. 9:2798(D)(4) and R.S. 40:1087.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.

2. Requires the La. Dept. of Health to establish and administer an approval process for courses that meet the requirements of a youth injury mitigation course.
3. Provides the instruction requirements for each youth mitigation course.
4. Requires the department to publish and maintain on its website a list of approved injury mitigation courses, and to annually review and update the list.
5. Authorizes the department to adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.
6. Authorizes the department to spend donated funds to purchase courses or accept department approved, donated online courses.
7. Changes effective date from August 1, 2026 to upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove proposed law that authorized LDH to spend donated funds to purchase the courses.