

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.

1 (7) Include a protocol for licensed athletic trainers, if utilized by the school  
2 or school system, to be available for practices or games to assist in the management  
3 of emergency and nonemergency care for participants.

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5 F. The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) shall  
6 promulgate, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, any rules  
7 necessary to implement the sports injury management program provided for in this  
8 Subpart. In developing such rules, BESE may engage and solicit input from the  
9 Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners and the Sports Medicine Advisory  
10 Committee of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association, and may incorporate  
11 recommendations of those groups in any final rules providing for a comprehensive  
12 sports injury management program.

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14 I. As used in this Subpart, the following terms have the meaning ascribed to  
15 them in this Section:

16 (1) "Heat acclimatization" means a series of changes or adaptations that  
17 occur in response to heat stress in a controlled environment over the course of seven  
18 to fourteen days. These adaptations are beneficial to exercise in the heat and allow  
19 the body to cope with heat stress.

20 (2) "Wet bulb temperature globe" means a measure of the heat stress in  
21 direct sunlight which takes into account temperature, humidity, wind speed, sun  
22 angle, and solar radiation.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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