

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 197

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

ATHLETICS: Provides relative to the comprehensive sports injury management program for student athletics

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1087.1(B)(6) and (I), relative to the comprehensive sports
3 injury management program for student athletics; to provide for definitions; to
4 provide for the applicability of certain policies and practices of the program; to
5 provide for exemption; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:1087.1(B)(6) and (I) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
8 as follows:

9 §1087.1. Comprehensive sports injury management program for student athletics

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11 B. The injury management program shall:

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13 (6) Require that each school participating in interscholastic athletics, follow
14 best practices for any activity that does not occur in a climate-controlled facility.
15 These practices shall follow the modified guidelines of the American College of
16 Sports Medicine and the National Athletic Trainers' Association regarding the heat
17 acclimatization and wet bulb globe temperature policy. These policies shall ~~occur~~
18 on apply to all school campuses where summer conditioning, pre-season and regular
19 season practices ~~or games~~, or fall or spring sports take place, or when a coach is

1 present. Scrimmages, jamborees, and regular season games shall be exempt from the
2 provisions of this Section.

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

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

10 (2) "Interstate game" means any regular season game played out of state.

11 (3) "Intrastate game" means any regular season game played in the state.

12 (4) "Jamboree" means a preseason football contest that serves as an official
13 rehearsal for the upcoming regular season where teams compete against regular
14 season opponents.

15 (5) "Regular season game" means any intrastate or interstate game played
16 during the regular sports season.

17 (6) "Scrimmage" means any practice plays performed between two groups,
18 comprised of members of the same team or different teams.

19 ~~(2)~~ (7) "Wet bulb globe temperature" means a measure of the heat stress in
20 direct sunlight which takes into account temperature, humidity, wind speed, sun
21 angle, and solar radiation.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Makes certain guidelines apply to pre-season and regular season practices and makes scrimmages, jamborees, and regular season games exempt from certain guidelines.

Present law states that pre-season games, such as scrimmages and jamborees, shall be subject to the modified guidelines of the American College of Sports Medicine and the

National Athletic Trainers' Association regarding the heat acclimatization and wet bulb globe temperature policy.

Proposed law changes present law by adding that the provisions of present law also apply to regular season practices. Proposed law provides that scrimmages, jamborees, and regular season games are exempt from present law.

Proposed law defines "interstate game", "intrastate game", "jamboree", "regular season game", and "scrimmage".

(Amends R.S. 40:1087.1(B)(6) and (I))