

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 197

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

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
20 present. Football jamborees and regular season games shall be exempt from the
21 provisions of this Paragraph.

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 ~~(2)~~ (6) "Wet bulb globe temperature" means a measure of the heat stress in
15 direct sunlight which takes into account temperature, humidity, wind speed, sun
16 angle, and solar radiation.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____