AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§1087.1. Comprehensive sports injury management program for student athletics

B. The injury management program shall:

(6) Require that each school participating in interscholastic athletics, follow best practices for any activity that does not occur in a climate-controlled facility. These practices shall follow 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. These policies shall occur on all school campuses where summer conditioning, pre-season and regular season practices or games, or fall or spring sports take place, or when a coach is present. Football jamborees and regular season games shall be exempt from the provisions of this Paragraph.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________

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