

SENATE BILL NO. 54

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1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:440.3, relative to emergency training and certifications for coaches; to
3 require elementary and secondary school coaches to have certain certifications; to
4 provide for limitation of liability; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:440.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§440.3. School coaches; required certifications**

8 **A. Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, any high school employee who**
9 **serves as a coach for the school shall obtain and maintain certification in**
10 **cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, and automatic external defibrillator**
11 **use. The certification shall be consistent with the American Heart Association,**
12 **American Red Cross, or other national evidence-based emergency**
13 **cardiovascular care guidelines.**

14 **B. The provisions of R.S. 9:2793 shall apply to any coach who is certified**
15 **pursuant to this Section and performs cardiopulmonary resuscitation or first**
16 **aid or uses an automatic external defibrillator in his capacity as a school coach.**

17 **C.(1) It is the intention of this legislature that this Section shall not create**
18 **an unfunded mandate on any city, parish, and other local public school board.**

19 **(2) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any city, parish, or**
20 **other local public school board until one of the following occurs:**

21 **(a) The legislature appropriates funds in an amount necessary to**
22 **implement the provisions of this Section.**

23 **(b) Grants or other private donations are made to the school to pay for**
24 **the costs of implementing the provisions of this Section.**

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____