
DIGEST

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Abstract: Makes changes to the guidelines associated with the comprehensive sports injury management program for student athletics.

Present law requires each high school that sponsors or sanctions any athletic activity and which requires a participating student to regularly practice or train and compete to implement a sports injury management program.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the sports injury management program to establish a set of injuries to be classified as "serious sports injuries" for the purposes of the program and define the signs and symptoms of such injuries.

Proposed law deletes present law and adds as a requirement that the program shall establish a comprehensive emergency plan for each sport located on the school's campus. Further provides that the emergency action plan shall be reviewed annually before the beginning of each sport season. Each emergency action plan shall identify all personnel who are maintained on file by the athletic director. Proposed law also provides that the emergency action plan shall follow the best practices outlined by the American College of Sports Medicine and the National Athletic Trainers Association.

Present law requires that any coach, game official, on-field licensed healthcare provider, or athletic trainer remove a student from practice, training, or competition.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the athletic trainer shall be identified as a licensed athletic trainer.

Present law provides that a student shall be removed from practice, training, or competition due to a serious sports injury.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the student who suffers a serious sports injury shall be safely removed from practice, training, or competition.

Present law requires each coach to receive documented training regarding the nature and risk of serious sports injuries.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that coaches certified by the Coaches Education and

Certification Program receive annual documented training regarding the nature and risks of serious sports injuries following the guidance with the National Federation of High School Coaches and the Louisiana High School Coaches Association. Proposed law is necessary to serve the students, school, community, and protect public safety.

Proposed law provides that each school who participates in interscholastic athletics shall follow best practices for all activities not occurring in a climate-controlled facility. The guidelines shall follow the modified guidelines of the American College on Sports Medicine and the National Athletic Trainers Association surrounding the heat acclimatization and wet bulb globe treatment policies. Further provides that these policies shall occur on school campuses where summer conditioning, pre-season practices or games, fall or spring sports, or when a coach is present.

Proposed law provides that each school having interscholastic athletics may have a licensed athletic trainer for practices and games to manage emergency and nonemergency care.

Present law requires the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement provisions for a sports injury management program.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the rules shall be promulgated for a comprehensive sports injury management program.

Proposed law defines heat acclimatization and wet bulb globe treatment.

(Amends R.S. 40:1087.1(B)(1), (2)(intro. para.) and (b), (3)(intro. para.) and (b), (4), and (F); Adds R.S. 40:1087.1(B)(6) and (7), and (I))