

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 54

BY SENATOR WHEAT

HEALTH SERVICES. Requires CPR/AED training for coaches in Louisiana. (8/1/24)

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AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§440.3. School coaches; required certifications

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

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Amanda Trapp.

DIGEST

SB 54 Engrossed

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Proposed law requires that, beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, any high school employee who serves as a coach for the school must obtain and maintain certification in CPR, first aid, and AED use.

Proposed law requires the certification to be consistent with the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, or other national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines.

Proposed law provides for a limitation of liability for any coach who performs cardiopulmonary resuscitation or first aid or uses an automatic external defibrillator in his capacity as a school coach.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 17:440.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Removes elementary and middle schools.
2. Requirements are only for high school coaches.