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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Coach Safely Act; to amend Section 22-11F-2, Code of Alabama 1975; to add Section 22-11F-4 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to revise the definition of "youth athlete"; to provide procedures for the Department of Public Health to notify youth athletic associations that are noncompliant with the Coach Safely Act of their noncompliance, subject to the availability of funding and staffing; and to provide penalties for further noncompliance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 22-11F-2, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§22-11F-2

For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms ~~shall~~ have the following meanings:

(1) ASSOCIATION. Any organization that administers or conducts high risk youth ~~athletics~~ athletic activities on property owned, leased, managed, or maintained by the state, an agent of the state, or a political subdivision of the state. The term does not include any municipality or any board, agency, department, corporation, authority, or



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29 instrumentality of a municipality.

30 (2) ATHLETICS PERSONNEL. Athletic directors and other
31 individuals actively involved in organizing, training, or
32 coaching sports activities for individuals who are ~~age~~ 14
33 years of age or ~~and~~ under and who have yet been admitted to
34 seventh grade.

35 (3) COACH. Any individual, whether paid, unpaid,
36 volunteer, or interim, who has been approved by the
37 association to organize, train, or supervise a youth athlete
38 or team of youth athletes. If an individual approved by the
39 association is unavailable, the term may include an individual
40 selected by a youth athlete or a team of youth athletes who
41 has not been approved by the association.

42 (4) DEPARTMENT. The Alabama Department of Public
43 Health.

44 ~~(4)~~ (5) HIGH RISK YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES. Any
45 organized sport in which there is a significant possibility
46 for a youth athlete to sustain a serious physical injury,
47 including, but not limited to, the sports of football,
48 basketball, baseball, volleyball, soccer, ice or field hockey,
49 cheerleading, and lacrosse.

50 ~~(5)~~ (6) YOUTH ATHLETE. ~~Individuals age~~ An individual who
51 is 14 years of age ~~and~~ or under and who has yet been admitted
52 to seventh grade participating in an organized sport."

53 Section 2. Section 22-11F-4 is added to the Code of
54 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

55 §22-11F-4

56 (a) If the department determines that a youth athletic



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57 association is not in compliance with Section 22-11F-3, the
58 following procedures apply, subject to the availability of
59 funding and staffing:

60 (1) After the first year of noncompliance, the
61 department shall privately notify the association in writing
62 of its failure to comply.

63 (2) After a second consecutive year of noncompliance,
64 the department shall notify the association in writing of its
65 continued failure to comply and post a copy of the notice on
66 the department's public website.

67 (3) After a third consecutive year of noncompliance,
68 the department shall levy a fine against the association. The
69 fine shall be 10 percent of the total revenue reported by the
70 association on its Internal Revenue Service Form 990, Return
71 of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, for the previous tax
72 year.

73 (4) After a fourth consecutive year of noncompliance,
74 the youth athletic association may not administer or conduct
75 any youth athletic activities on property owned, leased,
76 managed, or maintained by the state, an agent of the state, or
77 a political subdivision of the state for a period of one year.

78 (b) A notice provided under subsection (a) shall
79 include:

80 (1) Instructions on how to comply with Section
81 22-11F-3; and

82 (2) An explanation of the consequences of continued
83 noncompliance.

84 (c) The department shall adopt rules to implement and



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85 administer this section.

86 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October

87 1, 2025.



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Secretary.