



**House Children and Senior Advocacy Reported  
Substitute for SB140**

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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instrumentality of a municipality.

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

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

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

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

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

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

§22-11F-4

(a) If the department determines that a youth athletic



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

(1) After the first year of noncompliance, the department shall privately notify the executive head of the association in writing of the association's failure to comply.

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

(3) After a third consecutive year of noncompliance, the department shall levy a fine against the association. The fine shall be as follows:

a. For a youth athletic association with less than 100 coaches, two hundred dollars (\$200).

b. For a youth athletic association with 100 or more coaches, ten dollars (\$10) per coach.

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

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

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

(2) An explanation of the consequences of continued



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85 noncompliance.

86 (c) The department shall adopt rules to implement and  
87 administer this section.

88 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October  
89 1, 2025.