

**SJR81 ENROLLED**



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3 By Senator Waggoner  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 12-Mar-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 SJR\_\_\_ COMMENDING THE COACHSAFELY FOUNDATION FOR IMPROVED  
5 STANDARDS IN YOUTH SPORTS INJURY MITIGATION.

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7 WHEREAS, the Coach Safely Act, now Chapter 11F of  
8 Title 22, Code of Alabama 1975, was passed by the Alabama  
9 Legislature in 2018 and was the nation's first nationally  
10 recognized comprehensive youth sports injury mitigation  
11 legislation; and

12 WHEREAS, the Coach Safely Act requires all paid and  
13 unpaid athletics personnel and coaches of athletes 14 years  
14 of age and under using state, county, or city property to  
15 complete a course that identifies safety techniques and  
16 methods consistent with mitigating the high risk of injury  
17 in youth sports; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2025, the Legislature amended the Coach  
19 Safely Act to authorize the Alabama Department of Public  
20 Health (ADPH) to enforce compliance, subject to penalty, by  
21 youth athletic associations throughout the state; and

22 WHEREAS, the ADPH has been instrumental in the  
23 implementation and success of the Coach Safely Act; Alabama  
24 youth athletes are safer due to the agency's diligence; and

25 WHEREAS, the National Council of Youth Sports is the  
26 recognized national certifier of youth sports guidelines,  
27 standards, and best practices; and

28 WHEREAS, The Alabama Legislature and ADPH has



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29 annually partnered with the CoachSafely Foundation for the  
30 purpose of developing, delivering, and maintaining a  
31 single-source course and programs to fulfill the  
32 requirements of the Coach Safely Act; now therefore,

33 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
34 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the CoachSafely Foundation  
35 is commended for enhancing and maintaining the highest  
36 standards of coaching, sports medicine content, and  
37 educational efficacy, and we encourage the CoachSafely  
38 Foundation to continue its valued partnership with Alabama  
39 youth athletes and to maintain its commitment to high  
40 standards by:

41 1. Periodically reviewing its coaching and medical  
42 content to ensure alignment with current peer-reviewed  
43 research;

44 2. Surveying youth athletic coaches to promote  
45 continuous improvement in educational effectiveness; and

46 3. Maintaining a comprehensive database of course  
47 tracking and completions to support ongoing compliance with  
48 CoachSafely Foundation standards.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature  
50 recognizes and commends the Alabama Department of Public  
51 Health for its diligent implementation and oversight of the  
52 Coach Safely Act, and for its continued leadership in  
53 advancing the health, safety, and well-being of youth  
54 athletes throughout this state.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, consistent with the  
56 department's ongoing commitment to maintaining high



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57 standards and uniform statewide compliance, we encourage  
58 that any educational course intended to satisfy the  
59 requirements of the Coach Safety Act be approved by the  
60 National Council of Youth Sports or by a substantially  
61 similar nationally recognized organization that establishes  
62 comparable standards for youth sports safety, sports  
63 medicine content, and coaching education.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama Department  
65 of Public Health is encouraged to continue its collaborative  
66 efforts with nationally recognized organizations to ensure  
67 that all approved courses reflect best practices,  
68 evidence-based standards, and the shared goal of protecting  
69 Alabama's youth athletes.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and  
passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
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