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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Coach Safely Act requires coaches of youth athletic activities to undergo training relating to concussions, head trauma, and other serious injuries that could result from participation in a high risk youth athletic activity.

This bill would require the Alabama Department of Public Health to notify youth athletic associations of noncompliance with the Coach Safely Act and, if the noncompliance is not remedied after two years, authorize the department to levy a fine against the association.

This bill would also prohibit a youth athletic association that is noncompliant with the Coach Safely Act for four consecutive years from administering or conducting youth athletic activities on state property.

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 provide procedures for the Department



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29 of Public Health to notify youth athletic associations that  
30 are noncompliant with the Coach Safely Act of their  
31 noncompliance; and to provide penalties for further  
32 noncompliance.

33 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

36 "§22-11F-2

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

39 (1) ASSOCIATION. Any organization that administers or  
40 conducts high risk youth ~~athletics~~ athletic activities on  
41 property owned, leased, managed, or maintained by the state,  
42 an agent of the state, or a political subdivision of the  
43 state.

44 (2) ATHLETICS PERSONNEL. Athletic directors and other  
45 individuals actively involved in organizing, training, or  
46 coaching sports activities for individuals ~~age~~ 14 years of age  
47 and under.

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

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



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57           ~~(4)~~ (5) HIGH RISK YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES. Any  
58 organized sport in which there is a significant possibility  
59 for a youth athlete to sustain a serious physical injury,  
60 including, but not limited to, the sports of football,  
61 basketball, baseball, volleyball, soccer, ice or field hockey,  
62 cheerleading, and lacrosse.

63           ~~(5)~~ (6) YOUTH ATHLETE. ~~Individuals age~~ An individual 14  
64 years of age and under participating in an organized sport."

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

67           §22-11F-4

68           (a) If the department determines that a youth athletic  
69 association is not in compliance with Section 22-11F-3, the  
70 following procedures apply:

71           (1) After the first year of noncompliance, the  
72 department shall privately notify the association in writing  
73 of its failure to comply.

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

78           (3) After a third consecutive year of noncompliance,  
79 the department shall levy a fine against the association. The  
80 fine shall be 10 percent of the total revenue reported by the  
81 association on its Internal Revenue Service Form 990, Return  
82 of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, for the previous tax  
83 year.

84           (4) After a fourth consecutive year of noncompliance,



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85 the youth athletic association may not administer or conduct  
86 any youth athletic activities on property owned, leased,  
87 managed, or maintained by the state, an agent of the state, or  
88 a political subdivision of the state for a period of one year.

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

91 (1) Instructions on how to comply with Section  
92 22-11F-3; and

93 (2) An explanation of the consequences of continued  
94 noncompliance.

95 (c) The department shall adopt rules to implement and  
96 administer this section.

97 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October  
98 1, 2025.