

AN ACT relating to sports safety courses.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 160.445 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) (a) The Kentucky Board of Education or organization or agency designated by the board to manage interscholastic athletics *and any city, county, urban-county government, charter county government, consolidated local government, unified local government, special district, or any department, board, or agency, including any agency formed wholly or in part by any of the aforementioned entities, that manages an athletic program* shall require each ~~interscholastic~~ coach to complete a sports safety course consisting of training on how to prevent common injuries. The content of the course shall include but not be limited to emergency planning, heat and cold illnesses, emergency recognition, head injuries including concussions, neck injuries, facial injuries, and principles of first aid. The course shall also be focused on safety education and shall not include coaching principles.
- (b) The state board or its agency *and the city, county, urban-county government, charter county government, consolidated local government, unified local government, special district, or any department, board, or agency, including any agency formed wholly or in part by any of the aforementioned entities,* shall:
1. Establish a minimum timeline for a coach to complete the course;
 2. Approve providers of a sports safety course;
 3. Be responsible for ensuring that an approved course is taught by qualified professionals who shall either be certified athletic trainers, registered nurses, physicians, or physician's assistants licensed to practice in Kentucky; and
 4. Establish the minimum qualifying score for successful course completion.

- (c) A course shall be reviewed for updates at least once every thirty (30) months and revised if needed.
- (d) A course shall be able to be completed through hands-on or online teaching methods in ten (10) clock hours or less.
- (e)
 1. A course shall include an end-of-course examination with a minimum qualifying score for successful course completion established by the board or its agency and the city, county, urban-county government, charter county government, consolidated local government, unified local government, special district, or any department, board, or agency, including any agency formed wholly or in part by any of the aforementioned entities.
 2. All coaches shall be required to take the end-of-course examination and shall obtain at least the minimum qualifying score.
- (f) Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, and each year thereafter, at least one (1) person who has completed the course shall be at every ~~interscholastic~~ athletic practice and competition.
- (2) (a) Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, and each year thereafter, the state board or its agency and any city, county, urban-county government, charter county government, consolidated local government, unified local government, special district, or any department, board, or agency, including any agency formed wholly or in part by any of the aforementioned entities, shall require each ~~interscholastic~~ coach to complete training on how to recognize the symptoms of a concussion and how to seek proper medical treatment for a person suspected of having a concussion. The training shall be approved by the state board or its agency and the city, county, urban-county government, charter county government, consolidated local government, unified local government, special district, or any department, board, or

agency, including any agency formed wholly or in part by any of the aforementioned entities. and may be included in the sports safety course required under subsection (1)(a) of this section.

- (b) The board or its agency and the city, county, urban-county government, charter county government, consolidated local government, unified local government, a special district, or any department, board, or agency, including any agency formed wholly or in part by any of the aforementioned entities, shall develop guidelines and other pertinent information or adopt materials produced by other agencies to inform and educate ~~student~~ athletes and their parents or legal guardians of the nature and risk of concussion and head injury, including the continuance of play after concussion or head injury. Any required physical examination and parental authorization shall include acknowledgement of the education information required under this paragraph.
- (c) Upon request, the board or its agency or the city, county, urban-county government, charter county government, consolidated local government, unified local government, special district, or any department, board, or agency, including any agency formed wholly or in part by any of the aforementioned entities, shall make available to the public any training materials developed by the board or agency used to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection. The board or its agency or the city, county, urban-county government, charter county government, consolidated local government, unified local government, special district, or any department, board, or agency, including any agency formed wholly or in part by any of the aforementioned entities, shall not be held liable for the use of any training materials so disseminated.
- (3) (a) An~~A~~ student athlete suspected by a~~an~~ interscholastic coach, ~~school~~

athletic personnel, or contest official of sustaining a concussion during an athletic practice or competition shall be removed from play at that time and shall not return to play prior to the ending of the practice or competition until the athlete is evaluated to determine if a concussion has occurred. The evaluation shall be completed by a physician or a licensed health care provider whose scope of practice and training includes the evaluation and management of concussions and other brain injuries. ~~An[A student]~~ athlete shall not return to play on the date of a suspected concussion absent the required evaluation.

- (b) ~~An[A student]~~ athlete may return to play if it is determined no concussion has occurred.
- (c) ~~An[A student]~~ athlete deemed to be concussed shall not return to participate in any athletic practice or competition occurring on the day of the injury. The injured ~~[student]~~ athlete shall not be allowed to participate in any subsequent practice or athletic competition unless written clearance from a physician is provided.
- (4) (a) The state board or its agency *and any city, county, urban-county government, charter county government, consolidated local government, unified local government, special district, or any department, board, or agency, including any agency formed wholly or in part by any of the aforementioned entities, that manages an athletic program* shall adopt rules governing ~~[interscholastic]~~ athletics conducted by local boards of education *or the city, county, urban-county government, charter county government, consolidated local government, unified local government, special district, or any department, board, or agency, including any agency formed wholly or in part by any of the aforementioned entities,* to require each school *or city, county, urban-county government, charter county government, consolidated local government, unified local government, special district, or*

any department, board, or agency, including any agency formed wholly or in part by any of the aforementioned entities, that participates in ~~interscholastic~~ athletics to develop a venue-specific emergency action plan to deal with serious injuries and acute medical conditions in which the condition of the patient may deteriorate rapidly. The plan shall:

1. Include a delineation of role, methods of communication, available emergency equipment, and access to and plan for emergency transport; and
 2. Be in writing, reviewed by the principal of the school if it is a school plan, distributed to all appropriate personnel, posted conspicuously at all venues, and reviewed and rehearsed annually by all licensed athletic trainers, first responders, coaches, school nurses, athletic directors, and volunteers for interscholastic athletics.
- (b) Each school shall submit annual written verification of the existence of a venue-specific emergency action plan to the state board or its agency.
- (5) Each school shall maintain complete and accurate records of its compliance with this section and shall make the records available for review by the state board or its agency upon request.