

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO A-ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 721

By COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

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1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, delete lines 4 through 26 and delete page 2 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

3 **“(a) ‘Coach’ means a person who volunteers or is paid to instruct or train members of**
4 **a nonschool athletic team.**

5 **“(b) ‘League governing body’ means a governing body that:**

6 **“(A) Oversees an association of nonschool athletic teams that provide instruction or**
7 **training for team members and that may compete with each other; and**

8 **“(B) Is affiliated with, or otherwise sponsored or organized by, a nonprofit corporation**
9 **established as provided by ORS chapter 65.**

10 **“(c) ‘Nonschool athletic team’ means an athletic team that includes members who are**
11 **under 18 years of age and that is not affiliated with a public school in this state.**

12 **“(d) ‘Referee’ means a person who volunteers or is paid to act as a referee, as an umpire**
13 **or in a similar supervisory position for events involving nonschool athletic teams.**

14 **“(e) ‘Referee governing body’ means a governing body that:**

15 **“(A) Trains and certifies individuals to serve as referees for nonschool athletic team**
16 **events; and**

17 **“(B) Is affiliated with, or otherwise sponsored or organized by, a nonprofit corporation**
18 **established as provided by ORS chapter 65.**

19 **“(2)(a) Each league governing body and each referee governing body shall ensure that the**
20 **coaches and the referees, respectively, receive annual training to learn how to recognize the**
21 **symptoms of a concussion and how to seek proper medical treatment for a person suspected**
22 **of having a concussion.**

23 **“(b) Each league governing body and each referee governing body shall adopt a policy**
24 **that establishes:**

25 **“(A) The requirements of the training described in paragraph (a) of this subsection; and**

26 **“(B) Procedures that ensure that every coach and referee receives the training described**
27 **in paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

28 **“(3)(a) A coach may not allow a member of a nonschool athletic team to participate in**
29 **any athletic event or training on the same day that the member:**

30 **“(A) Exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion following an**
31 **observed or suspected blow to the head or body; or**

32 **“(B) Has been diagnosed with a concussion.**

33 **“(b) A coach may allow a member of a nonschool athletic team who is prohibited from**
34 **participating in an athletic event or training, as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection,**
35 **to participate in an athletic event or training no sooner than the day after the member ex-**

1 perienced a blow to the head or body and only after the member:

2 “(A) No longer exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion; and

3 “(B) Receives a medical release form from a health care professional.

4 “(4) A referee may not allow a member of a nonschool athletic team to participate in any
5 athletic event during which the member exhibited signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent
6 with a concussion following an observed or suspected blow to the head or body.

7 “(5) The league governing body shall develop or use existing guidelines and other relevant
8 materials, and shall make available those guidelines and materials, to inform and educate
9 persons under 18 years of age desiring to be a member on a nonschool athletic team, the
10 parents and legal guardians of the persons and the coaches about the symptoms and warning
11 signs of a concussion.

12 “(6) For each year of participation, and prior to a person under 18 years of age partic-
13 ipating as a member on a nonschool athletic team, at least one parent or legal guardian of
14 the person must acknowledge the receipt of the guidelines and materials described in sub-
15 section (5) of this section and the review of those guidelines and materials by:

16 “(a) The parent or legal guardian of the person; and

17 “(b) If the person is 12 years of age or older, the person.

18 “(7) A league governing body may hold an informational meeting prior to the start of any
19 season for each nonschool athletic team regarding the symptoms and warning signs of a
20 concussion.

21 “(8)(a) Any person who regularly serves as a coach or as a referee and who complies with
22 the provisions of this section is immune from civil or criminal liability related to a head in-
23 jury unless the person acted or failed to act because of gross negligence or willful or wanton
24 misconduct.

25 “(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the civil or criminal liability re-
26 lated to a head injury of a person who does not regularly serve as a coach or a referee.”.

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