

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2398

5 By: Representative Roebuck  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 ACT TO REQUIRE THAT A TRAINED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL  
10 BE PRESENT AT ALL SECONDARY SCHOOL FOOTBALL  
11 GAMES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT A TRAINED HEALTH  
15 PROFESSIONAL BE PRESENT AT ALL SECONDARY  
16 SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 10, Subchapter 1 is amended  
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 6-10-118. Health professional at football games.

24 (a) Secondary schools sponsoring interscholastic football shall  
25 provide at the site of each sanctioned interscholastic football contest, at  
26 least one (1) of the following health care providers:

27 (1) A physician licensed under the Arkansas Medical Practices  
28 Act, §§ 17-95-201 - 17-95-207, 17-95-301 - 17-95-305, and 17-95-401 - 17-95-  
29 411, who is not presently under investigation or sanction by the Arkansas  
30 State Medical Board;

31 (2) An athletic trainer licensed under the Arkansas Athletic  
32 Trainers Act, § 17-93-401, et seq.;

33 (3) An emergency medical technician licensed under the Emergency  
34 Medical Services Act, § 20-13-201, et seq.; or

35 (4) Any other health care provider licensed in this state who  
36 has:



1                   (A) Completed a knowledge and skills course in  
 2 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator operation  
 3 as required under the Public Access to Automated External Defibrillation Act  
 4 of 1999, § 17-95-601, et seq.;

5                   (B) Proof of personal or professional liability insurance,  
 6 or both;and

7                   (C) Read and signed a statement outlining the emergency  
 8 action plan for the site.

9                   (b)(1) The health care provider shall be present at the contest to  
 10 manage, evaluate, stabilize, or treat, as necessary, a spine-injured student.

11                   (2) Any two (2) schools involved in an interscholastic football  
 12 contest may agree that one (1) of the schools shall provide a health care  
 13 professional to be available to both teams for consultation or assistance.

14                   (c)(1) Each secondary school district sponsoring football shall  
 15 prepare and file with the State Board of Education an emergency action plan  
 16 that shall identify key personnel and their roles for management of a  
 17 potentially catastrophic injury.

18                   (2) The health care professional assigned to a football contest  
 19 shall possess, at the site, a copy of the emergency action plan master  
 20 template provided by the Arkansas Athletic Association.

21                   (d)(1) The health care professional shall manage all catastrophic  
 22 injuries sustained by a player during or in relation to the contest.

23                   (2) No person other than the health care professional may make  
 24 critical decisions regarding an injury sustained during or in relation to the  
 25 contest, as addressed on the master template provided by the Arkansas  
 26 Athletic Association.

27                   (e) The senior game official shall require, before the game begins,  
 28 that each head football coach sign a document, on a form supplied by the  
 29 State Board of Education, certifying the presence of the required health care  
 30 professional.

31                   (f)(1) Each secondary school football coach shall maintain a current  
 32 certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external  
 33 defibrillator operation as required under the Public Access to Automated  
 34 External Defibrillation Act of 1999, § 17-95-601, et seq.

35                   (2) The superintendent of the school district or a school  
 36 official designated by the superintendent shall maintain proof of the

1 certification.

2 (g) Each school district shall employ at least one (1) certified  
3 athletic trainer.

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