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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

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By: Representatives Stephens and Newman

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO LIMIT THE LIABILITY OF VOLUNTEER ATHLETIC COACHES,
MANAGERS, TEAM PHYSICIANS, OR SPORTS TEAM OFFICIALS; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Limitation of liability of volunteer athletic coaches, managers, team physicians, or officials. (A) Except as provided in Subsection (B) of this Section, no person shall have a cause of action against any volunteer athletic coach, manager, team physician, or sports team official for any loss or damage caused by any act or omission to act directly related to his responsibilities as a coach, manager, team physician, or official, while actively directing or participating in the sporting activities or in the practice thereof, unless the loss or damage was caused by the gross negligence of the coach, manager, team physician, or official.

(B) Subsection (A) of this Section shall not be applicable unless the volunteer athletic coach, manager, team physician, or sports team official has participated in a safety orientation and training program established by the league or team with which he is affiliated. Participation in a safety orientation and training program by a coach, manager, team physician, or sports team official may be waived by the league prior to the individual's participation in the sporting activities or in the practice thereof upon submission of appropriate documented evidence as to that individual's proficiency in first aid and safety.

SECTION 2. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

