

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2603

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5 By: Representative Roebuck
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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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

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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 contest
25 shall provide at the site of each sanctioned interscholastic football
26 contest, at 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 contests
15 shall prepare and file with the State Board of Education an emergency action
16 plan that shall identify key personnel and their roles for management of a
17 potentially catastrophic injury.

18 (2) The health care provider 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 provider shall manage all catastrophic injuries
22 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 form supplied by the State Board of
29 Education, certifying the presence of the required health care provider.

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

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

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

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