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A Bill

SENATE BILL 268

4
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF STUDENTS
10 IN PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE USE
11 OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR
12 COACHES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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16 TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF
17 STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC
18 ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE USE OF ATHLETIC
19 TRAINERS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR
20 COACHES.

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

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25 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Uncodified Section 2(a)(2) of Act No. 1214
26 of the 2011 regular session of the 88th General Assembly as amended by Act
27 No. 1177 of 2013, concerning the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Athletic
28 Training in Public Schools, is amended to read as follows:

29 (2) The pilot program grants shall be awarded before the ~~2013-~~
30 ~~2014~~ 2015-2016 school year in order to allow time for program participants to
31 employ the athletic trainers.

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33 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Uncodified Section 2(e)(1) of Act No. 1214
34 of the 2011 regular session of the 88th General Assembly as amended by Act
35 No. 1177 of 2013, concerning the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Athletic
36 Training in Public Schools, is amended to read as follows:



1 (1) Begin with the ~~2013-2014~~ 2015-2016 school year;

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3 SECTION 3. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE - DO NOT CODIFY.

4 (a) There is created the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Athletic
5 Training in Public Schools.

6 (b) The task force shall consist of the following:

7 (1) Voting members:

8 (A) Three (3) members of the General Assembly appointed by
9 the Chair of the Senate Committee on Education;

10 (B) Three (3) members of the General Assembly appointed by
11 the Chair of the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor;

12 (C) Three (3) members of the General Assembly appointed by
13 the Chair of the House Committee on Education; and

14 (D) Three (3) members of the General Assembly appointed by
15 the Chair of the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor; and

16 (2) Nonvoting members:

17 (A) One (1) member from the Department of Career
18 Education;

19 (B) One (1) member from the Department of Education;

20 (C) One (1) member from the Department of Higher
21 Education;

22 (D) One (1) member from the Arkansas Athletic Trainers
23 Association;

24 (E) One (1) member from the Arkansas School Nurses
25 Association;

26 (F) One (1) member from the Arkansas Activities
27 Association;

28 (G) One (1) member from the Arkansas Rural Education
29 Association; and

30 (H) One (1) member from the Arkansas Association of
31 Educational Administrators.

32 (3) The director of each department or association under
33 subdivision (b)(2) of this section shall designate a person in the department
34 or association to serve on the task force.

35 (c)(1) A chair shall be selected by majority vote of all voting
36 members in attendance at the first meeting of the task force, which shall be

1 held within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act.

2 (2) Only voting members of the task force are eligible to chair
3 the task force.

4 (3) The chair shall exercise his or her vote only in the case of
5 a tie vote.

6 (d) Meetings of the task force shall be held at least one (1) time
7 every three (3) months but may occur more often at the call of the chair or
8 by petition by a majority of the voting members.

9 (e) The task force may solicit, accept, and expend gifts and grants.

10 (f) If a vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall be filled
11 by the same process as the original appointment.

12 (g) The task force shall establish rules and procedures for conducting
13 business.

14 (h) Legislative members of the task force may receive reimbursement
15 for expenses and per diem at the same rate and from the same source as
16 provided by law for members of the General Assembly attending meetings of
17 interim committees.

18 (i) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum
19 for transacting business of the task force.

20 (j) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff for the
21 task force.

22 (k) The task force shall be abolished on December 31, 2016.

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24 SECTION 4. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE - DO NOT CODIFY.

25 (a) The Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Athletic Training in Public
26 Schools shall:

27 (1) Study healthcare issues concerning secondary school student
28 athletes;

29 (2) Evaluate the current athletic training curriculum and
30 recommend changes to the athletic training curriculum;

31 (3) Monitor the standards of care for student athletes; and

32 (4) Explore funding opportunities for potential pilot programs.

33 (b) The task force shall submit a written report to the House
34 Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education no later than
35 November 1, 2016.

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