
SENATE BILL 6023

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By Senators McAuliffe and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to volunteers at school athletic events; and adding
2 a new section to chapter 4.24 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 4.24 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Person" means a person licensed under chapter 18.57 or 18.71
8 RCW.

9 (b) "Volunteer" means to provide advice or care within the scope of
10 the person's license without receipt or expectation of salary or
11 financial remuneration.

12 (2) A person who volunteers his or her services as a licensee shall
13 not be liable in a cause of action for the delivery of medical advice
14 or care under the following circumstances:

15 (a) The service is performed for a public school or a private
16 school approved under chapter 28A.195 RCW;

17 (b) The service is performed during a practice or an intrastate,
18 interstate, or international competition when either are authorized by
19 the school;

1 (c) The service is provided to an individual who is participating
2 in the competition or practice but only if the individual is: (i) A
3 student participant for a school at a school sanctioned competition or
4 practice; or (ii) performing a function which is a necessary component
5 of the competition or practice. This subsection (2)(c)(ii) is limited
6 to individuals who are coaching, officiating, maintaining official
7 records, operating equipment necessary for conducting the competition
8 or practice, or are members of a school band, cheerleader or yell
9 squad, drill team, or other school-authorized group of students who
10 perform during a competition; and

11 (d) The service is provided in a manner which is neither grossly
12 negligent nor willful nor wanton misconduct.

13 (3) A person volunteering his or her services under this section is
14 not precluded from receiving reimbursement for expenses involving
15 travel, meals, and lodging when such expenses are incurred solely as a
16 result of attending a competition or practice. Reimbursement for such
17 expenses shall not be deemed to change the person's status as a
18 volunteer.

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