
HOUSE BILL 2904

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1 AN ACT Relating to training youth athletes; amending RCW
2 18.250.050; adding a new section to chapter 28A.600 RCW; and
3 providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.600
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1)(a) No later than July 1, 2021, the office of the
8 superintendent of public instruction shall develop and make available
9 on its web site an online training program on the physical training
10 of youth athletes. The training program must, at a minimum, contain
11 information on the following:

- 12 (i) Risk management and prevention of athletic injuries;
- 13 (ii) First aid techniques;
- 14 (iii) The developmental stages of youth athletes and the unique
15 training needs and risks associated with each stage;
- 16 (iv) Warning signs of eating disorders, suicide risk, and
17 substance abuse; and
- 18 (v) Any other information the office of the superintendent of
19 public instruction deems necessary to promote the physical health of
20 youth athletes.

1 (b) When developing the training, the office of the
2 superintendent of public instruction must consult with the following:

3 (i) The department of health;

4 (ii) The Washington interscholastic activities association; and

5 (iii) Experts on the physical training of youth athletes.

6 (2) Beginning July 1, 2022, prior to coaching an interscholastic
7 athletic activity, at least one member of the coaching staff of each
8 activity shall complete the online training program developed under
9 this section. The member of the coaching staff shall provide a
10 certificate showing completion of the training to the school.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.250.050 and 2019 c 358 s 2 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 Nothing in this chapter may prohibit, restrict, or require
14 licensure of:

15 (1) Any person licensed, certified, or registered in this state
16 and performing services within the authorized scope of practice;

17 (2) The practice by an individual employed by the government of
18 the United States as an athletic trainer while engaged in the
19 performance of duties prescribed by the laws of the United States;

20 (3) Any person pursuing a supervised course of study in an
21 accredited athletic training educational program, if the person is
22 designated by a title that clearly indicates a student or trainee
23 status;

24 (4) An athletic trainer from another state for purposes of
25 continuing education, consulting, or performing athletic training
26 services while accompanying his or her group, individual, or
27 representatives into Washington state on a temporary basis for no
28 more than ninety days in a calendar year;

29 (5) Any elementary, secondary, or postsecondary school teacher,
30 educator, or coach who does not represent themselves to the public as
31 an athletic trainer; or

32 (6) A personal or fitness trainer employed by an athletic club or
33 fitness center and not ~~((representing))~~;

34 (a) Providing fitness services or advice to individuals under the
35 age of eighteen; or

36 (b) Representing themselves as an athletic trainer or performing
37 the duties of an athletic trainer provided under RCW 18.250.010(4)(a)
38 (ii) through (vi).

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this act takes effect July 1,
2 2022.

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