

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
A-ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 721**

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, delete lines 4 through 26 and
2 delete page 2 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

4 **“(a) ‘Coach’ means a person who volunteers or is paid to instruct**
5 **or train members of a nonschool athletic team.**

6 **“(b) ‘League governing body’ means a governing body that:**

7 **“(A) Oversees an association of nonschool athletic teams that pro-**
8 **vide instruction or training for team members and that may compete**
9 **with each other; and**

10 **“(B) Is affiliated with, or otherwise sponsored or organized by, a**
11 **nonprofit corporation established as provided by ORS chapter 65.**

12 **“(c) ‘Nonschool athletic team’ means an athletic team that includes**
13 **members who are under 18 years of age and that is not affiliated with**
14 **a public school in this state.**

15 **“(d) ‘Referee’ means a person who volunteers or is paid to act as a**
16 **referee, as an umpire or in a similar supervisory position for events**
17 **involving nonschool athletic teams.**

18 **“(e) ‘Referee governing body’ means a governing body that:**

19 **“(A) Trains and certifies individuals to serve as referees for non-**
20 **school athletic team events; and**

21 **“(B) Is affiliated with, or otherwise sponsored or organized by, a**
22 **nonprofit corporation established as provided by ORS chapter 65.**

1 **“(2)(a) Each league governing body and each referee governing body**
2 **shall ensure that the coaches and the referees, respectively, receive**
3 **annual training to learn how to recognize the symptoms of a**
4 **concussion and how to seek proper medical treatment for a person**
5 **suspected of having a concussion.**

6 **“(b) Each league governing body and each referee governing body**
7 **shall adopt a policy that establishes:**

8 **“(A) The requirements of the training described in paragraph (a)**
9 **of this subsection; and**

10 **“(B) Procedures that ensure that every coach and referee receives**
11 **the training described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

12 **“(3)(a) A coach may not allow a member of a nonschool athletic**
13 **team to participate in any athletic event or training on the same day**
14 **that the member:**

15 **“(A) Exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a**
16 **concussion following an observed or suspected blow to the head or**
17 **body; or**

18 **“(B) Has been diagnosed with a concussion.**

19 **“(b) A coach may allow a member of a nonschool athletic team who**
20 **is prohibited from participating in an athletic event or training, as**
21 **described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, to participate in an**
22 **athletic event or training no sooner than the day after the member**
23 **experienced a blow to the head or body and only after the member:**

24 **“(A) No longer exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent**
25 **with a concussion; and**

26 **“(B) Receives a medical release form from a health care profes-**
27 **sional.**

28 **“(4) A referee may not allow a member of a nonschool athletic team**
29 **to participate in any athletic event during which the member exhibited**
30 **signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion following**

1 an observed or suspected blow to the head or body.

2 “(5) The league governing body shall develop or use existing guide-
3 lines and other relevant materials, and shall make available those
4 guidelines and materials, to inform and educate persons under 18 years
5 of age desiring to be a member on a nonschool athletic team, the
6 parents and legal guardians of the persons and the coaches about the
7 symptoms and warning signs of a concussion.

8 “(6) For each year of participation, and prior to a person under 18
9 years of age participating as a member on a nonschool athletic team,
10 at least one parent or legal guardian of the person must acknowledge
11 the receipt of the guidelines and materials described in subsection (5)
12 of this section and the review of those guidelines and materials by:

13 “(a) The parent or legal guardian of the person; and

14 “(b) If the person is 12 years of age or older, the person.

15 “(7) A league governing body may hold an informational meeting
16 prior to the start of any season for each nonschool athletic team re-
17 garding the symptoms and warning signs of a concussion.

18 “(8)(a) Any person who regularly serves as a coach or as a referee
19 and who complies with the provisions of this section is immune from
20 civil or criminal liability related to a head injury unless the person
21 acted or failed to act because of gross negligence or willful or wanton
22 misconduct.

23 “(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the civil or
24 criminal liability related to a head injury of a person who does not
25 regularly serve as a coach or a referee.”.

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