

Amend CSSB 1952 (Senate committee printing) by adding appropriately numbered new SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly, to read as follows:

SECTION _____. Chapter 33, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER E. SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR CERTAIN
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Sec. 33.101. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter applies to each public school in this state and to any other school in this state subject to University Interscholastic League regulations.

Sec. 33.102. SAFETY TRAINING REQUIRED. (a) The commissioner by rule shall develop and adopt a safety training program as provided by this section. In developing the program, the commissioner may use materials available from the American Red Cross or another appropriate entity.

(b) The following persons must satisfactorily complete the safety training program:

(1) a coach, trainer, or sponsor for an extracurricular athletic activity;

(2) except as provided by Subsection (f), a physician who is employed by a school or school district or who volunteers to assist with an extracurricular athletic activity; and

(3) a director responsible for a school marching band.

(c) The safety training program must include:

(1) certification of participants by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or a similar organization, as determined by the commissioner;

(2) annual training in:

(A) emergency action planning;

(B) cardiopulmonary resuscitation if the person is not required to obtain certification under Section 33.086;

(C) communicating effectively with 9-1-1 emergency service operators and other emergency personnel; and

(D) recognizing symptoms of potentially catastrophic injuries, including head and neck injuries, concussions, injuries related to second impact syndrome, asthma attacks, heatstroke, cardiac arrest, and injuries requiring use of

a defibrillator; and

(3) at least once each school year, a safety drill that incorporates the training described by Subdivision (2) and simulates various injuries described by Subdivision (2)(D).

(d) A student participating in an extracurricular athletic activity must receive training related to:

(1) recognizing the symptoms described by Subsection (c)(2)(D); and

(2) the risks of using supplements designed or marketed to enhance athletic performance.

(e) The safety training program and the training under Subsection (d) may each be conducted by a school or school district or by an organization described by Subsection (c)(1).

(f) A physician who is employed by a school or school district or who volunteers to assist with an extracurricular athletic activity is exempt from the requirements of Subsection (b) if the physician attends a continuing medical education course that specifically addresses emergency medicine for athletic team physicians.

Sec. 33.103. RECOMMENDATION RELATED TO HEART SCREENING. The University Interscholastic League shall recommend that each student participating in an extracurricular athletic activity receive a heart screening.

Sec. 33.104. CERTAIN UNSAFE ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED. A coach, trainer, or sponsor for an extracurricular athletic activity may not encourage or permit a student participating in the activity to engage in any unreasonably dangerous athletic technique that unnecessarily endangers the health of a student, including using a helmet or any other sports equipment as a weapon.

Sec. 33.105. CERTAIN SAFETY PRECAUTIONS REQUIRED. (a) A coach, trainer, or sponsor for an extracurricular athletic activity shall at each athletic practice or competition ensure that:

(1) each student participating in the activity is permitted adequate access to water;

(2) any prescribed asthma medication for a student participating in the activity is readily available to the student;

(3) if available at the school, a defibrillator is readily accessible for use at the practice or competition;

(4) emergency lanes providing access to the practice or competition area are open and clear; and

(5) heatstroke prevention materials are readily available.

(b) A referee, umpire, or other official at an extracurricular athletic competition may prohibit a student from participating in the competition if:

(1) the official observes a violation of Subsection (a); or

(2) the official determines that the removal would likely prevent the death of or serious injury to the student.

(c) If a student participating in an extracurricular athletic activity, including a practice or competition, is rendered unconscious during the activity, the student may not:

(1) return to the practice or competition during which the student was rendered unconscious; or

(2) continue to participate in any extracurricular athletic activity until the student receives written authorization from a physician.

Sec. 33.106. COMPLIANCE; ENFORCEMENT. (a) On request, a school shall make available to the public proof of compliance for each person enrolled in, employed by, or volunteering for the school who is required to receive safety training described by Section 33.102.

(b) The superintendent of a school district or the director of a school subject to this subchapter shall maintain complete and accurate records of the district's or school's compliance with Section 33.102.

(c) A school campus that is determined by the school's superintendent or director to be in noncompliance with Section 33.102, 33.104, or 33.105 shall discontinue all extracurricular athletic activities offered by the school campus, including all practices and competitions, until the superintendent or director determines that the school campus is in compliance.

Sec. 33.107. CONTACT INFORMATION. (a) The commissioner

shall maintain an existing telephone number and an electronic mail address to allow a person to report a violation of this subchapter.

(b) Each school that offers an extracurricular athletic activity shall prominently display at the administrative offices of the school the telephone number and electronic mail address maintained under Subsection (a).

Sec. 33.108. UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE. (a) The director of the University Interscholastic League shall appoint a subcommittee from among the membership of the league's medical advisory board. The director or the director's designee shall serve as the subcommittee's presiding officer.

(b) The subcommittee shall prepare a statement of the risks of injury resulting from participation in extracurricular athletic activities. The University Interscholastic League shall post the text of the statement on the league's Internet website and provide to each student participating in an extracurricular athletic activity and to the student's parent or guardian a copy of the statement.

Sec. 33.109. NOTICE REQUIRED. A school that offers an extracurricular athletic activity shall provide to each student participating in an extracurricular athletic activity and to the student's parent or guardian a copy of the text of Sections 33.101-33.108.

Sec. 33.110. INCORPORATION OF SAFETY REGULATIONS. The University Interscholastic League shall incorporate the provisions of Sections 33.103-33.108 into the league's constitution and contest rules.

SECTION _____. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and applies beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, except that Sections 33.104 and 33.108, Education Code, as added by this Act, apply beginning with the 2003-2004 school year.