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Senate Bill 205 (as introduced 2-16-05)
Sponsor: Senator Bev Hammerstrom
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to provide that, by July 1, 2007, the board of a school district or public school academy would have to require each person it employed or assigned as an interscholastic athletic coach to hold valid certification in sport safety training. The bill would take effect July 1, 2005.

A person could obtain certification by successfully completing a sport safety training course approved by the State Board of Education. The course would have to include instruction in at least cardiopulmonary resuscitation, emergency procedures, first aid, and injury prevention.

Certification would not be required if a person demonstrated that he or she had a physical limitation that made it impracticable for him or her to complete the course and obtain the certification. The certification requirement also would not apply to a licensed physician, physician's assistant, nurse, or emergency medical services worker.

If a person with valid sport safety certification, in the course of his or her employment or service as an interscholastic athletic coach, provided physical aid within the scope of the sport safety training to another person in an emergency, the coach would not be liable in a civil suit for damages resulting from an act or omission occurring in the provision of that aid, except for an act or omission constituting gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct.

The bill states that it would not create a duty to act on the part of a person who held sport safety certification.

Proposed MCL 380.1523

Legislative Analyst: Julie Koval

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State. There would be an indeterminate cost for obtaining the required certification. Many or most Red Cross organizations offer this training at a fee of \$50 to \$75 per person. The fee that is charged by other private, State-approved providers is unknown. This cost would have to be paid by either the school district or the coach.

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