

SENATE BILL No. 96

January 26, 2005, Introduced by Senators GARCIA, SWITALSKI, GOSCHKA, JELINEK, SANBORN and HAMMERSTROM and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1290.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 1290. (1) NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2005, THE
2 DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A MODEL COACH'S CONDUCT AND ETHICS POLICY
3 FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC COACHES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE
4 THIS MODEL POLICY TO ALL PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE
5 THAT PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS.

6 (2) THE MODEL COACH'S CONDUCT AND ETHICS POLICY REQUIRED UNDER
7 SUBSECTION (1) SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

8 (A) A PLEDGE BY EACH INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC COACH THAT HE OR

1 SHE WILL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

2 (i) TREAT EACH COACH, PLAYER, OFFICIAL, PARENT, AND
3 ADMINISTRATOR WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY.

4 (ii) NOT PLACE PLAYERS IN ANY POSITION THAT WOULD JEOPARDIZE
5 THEIR HEALTH OR SAFETY.

6 (iii) CONDUCT ALL ACTIVITIES UNDER HIS OR HER CONTROL FOR THE
7 MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WELFARE OF THE PLAYERS.

8 (iv) COOPERATE WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SCHOOL'S PROGRAMS
9 IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF ATHLETIC RULES AND REGULATIONS.

10 (v) PLAN ALL GAMES, COMPETITIONS, AND PRACTICES SO THAT ALL
11 PLAYERS HAVE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THEIR SKILL LEVEL
12 THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION.

13 (vi) REPORT TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PROGRAM ANY SITUATIONS
14 OR UNSOUND PRACTICES THAT VIOLATE THE SOUND RECREATIONAL GUIDELINES
15 OF THE PROGRAM HE OR SHE IS COACHING.

16 (vii) LEARN THE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF HIS OR HER PLAYERS
17 AND PLACE THEM IN SITUATIONS IN WHICH THEY WILL HAVE FUN AND LEARN
18 THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE SPORT HE OR SHE IS COACHING AS WELL AS GOOD
19 SPORTSMANSHIP.

20 (B) A STATEMENT OF THE DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES THAT MAY
21 OCCUR IF A COACH VIOLATES THE POLICY.

22 (3) SCHOOLS THAT PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS ARE
23 ENCOURAGED TO ADOPT A LOCAL COACH'S CONDUCT AND ETHICS POLICY THAT
24 IS CONSISTENT WITH THE MODEL POLICY REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (1).