

SENATE BILL No. 179

February 12, 2003, Introduced by Senators HAMMERSTROM, JACOBS and JELINEK and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1523.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1523. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this
2 subsection, the board of a school district or local act school
3 district or board of directors of a public school academy shall
4 require each person it employs as a coach of an interscholastic
5 athletic activity, or assigns to serve as a coach of an
6 interscholastic athletic activity, to hold valid certification in
7 sport safety training. The certification shall be current during
8 the entire interscholastic season for the athletic activity the
9 person is coaching. Certification in sport safety training may
10 be achieved by successful completion of the sport safety training
11 course offered by the American red cross or by successful

1 completion of an equivalent course approved by the state board.

2 This requirement does not apply to any of the following:

3 (a) A person who is employed or serving as an
4 interscholastic athletic coach in this state as of the effective
5 date of this section or who has been employed or served as an
6 interscholastic athletic coach in this state before the effective
7 date of this section.

8 (b) A person who demonstrates that he or she has physical
9 limitations that make it impracticable for the person to complete
10 the course and obtain the required certification under this
11 subsection.

12 (c) A person who is employed or serving as a coach of an
13 interscholastic athletic activity for which there is more than 1
14 coach and at least 1 of those other coaches holds valid
15 certification in sport safety training as described in this
16 subsection.

17 (2) After a person to whom the certification requirements of
18 subsection (1) apply is determined to meet the certification
19 requirements of subsection (1), the board of the school district
20 or board of directors of the public school academy shall require
21 the person to provide documentation at least every 2 years
22 demonstrating that he or she continues to meet the certification
23 requirements of subsection (1). If the person does not provide
24 this documentation, the board or board of directors shall not
25 allow the person to coach an interscholastic athletic activity.
26 This requirement does not apply to a person who demonstrates that
27 he or she has physical limitations that make it impracticable for

1 the person to complete the course and obtain the required
2 certification under this subsection.

3 (3) A person who holds the sport safety certification
4 described in this section and who provides physical aid to
5 another person in the course of his or her employment or service
6 as an interscholastic athletic coach is not liable in a civil
7 action for damages resulting from an act or omission occurring in
8 providing that aid except an act or omission constituting gross
9 negligence or willful and wanton misconduct.

10 (4) A person who in good faith administers epinephrine for
11 allergic reaction in the course of his or her employment or
12 service as an interscholastic athletic coach is not liable in a
13 civil action for damages resulting from an act or omission
14 occurring in administering the epinephrine except for an act or
15 omission constituting gross negligence or willful and wanton
16 misconduct.