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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1451

Introduced by Assembly Member Hayashi

January 5, 2012

An act to amend Section 49032 ~~35179.1~~ of the Education Code, relating to high school athletics.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1451, as amended, Hayashi. High school athletics:~~coaching education program~~ *California High School Coaching Education and Training Program*.

Existing law states the intent of the Legislature to establish a California High School Coaching Education and Training Program, administered by local school districts, that emphasizes specified components, including, among other things, training, which is described as certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

This bill would include a basic understanding of the signs and symptoms of concussions and the appropriate response to concussions within the description of training.

~~Existing law requires each high school sports coach to complete a coaching education program developed by his or her school district or the California Interscholastic Federation that meets specified guidelines, including certification in first aid.~~

~~This bill, commencing January 1, 2013, would require each high school sports coach taking or renewing his or her first aid certification to take additional training that includes a basic understanding of the signs, symptoms, and appropriate emergency action steps regarding potentially catastrophic injuries, including, but not limited to, head and~~

neck injuries, concussions, second impact syndrome, asthma attacks, heat stroke, and cardiac arrest. By requiring high school sports coaches to complete this additional training, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes-no.
State-mandated local program: yes-no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Section 35179.1 of the Education Code is amended*
2 *to read:*

3 35179.1. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as
4 the 1998 California High School Coaching Education and Training
5 Program.

6 (b) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

7 (1) The exploding demand in girls athletics, and an increase in
8 the number of pupils participating in both boys and girls athletics,
9 are causing an increase in the number of coaches needed statewide.

10 (2) Well-trained coaches are vital to the success of the
11 experience of a pupil in sports and interscholastic athletic activities.

12 (3) Improvement in coaching is a primary need identified by
13 hundreds of principals, superintendents, and school board members
14 who participated in the development of a strategic plan for the
15 California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) in 1993 and 1994.

16 (4) There are many concerns about safety, training, organization,
17 philosophy, communications, and general management in coaching
18 that need to be addressed.

19 (5) It is a conservative estimate that at least 25,000 coaches
20 annually need training and an orientation just to meet current
21 coaching regulations contained in Title 5 of the California Code
22 of Regulations, including basic safety and CPR requirements.

23 (6) School districts, in conjunction with the California
24 Interscholastic Federation, have taken the initial first steps toward

1 building a statewide coaching education program by assembling
2 a faculty of statewide trainers composed of school district
3 administrators, coaches, and athletic directors using a national
4 program being used in several states.

5 (c) It is, therefore, the intent of the Legislature to establish a
6 California High School Coaching Education and Training Program.
7 It is the intent of the Legislature that the program be administered
8 by local school districts and emphasize the following components:

9 (1) Development of coaching philosophies consistent with
10 school, school district, and school board *governing board of a*
11 *school district* goals.

12 (2) Sport psychology: emphasizing communication,
13 reinforcement of the efforts of ~~young people~~ pupils, effective
14 delivery of coaching regarding technique and motivation of the
15 pupil athlete.

16 (3) Sport pedagogy: how ~~young~~ pupil athletes learn, and how
17 to teach sport skills.

18 (4) Sport physiology: principles of training, fitness for sport,
19 development of a training program, nutrition for athletes, and the
20 harmful effects associated with the use of steroids and
21 performance-enhancing dietary supplements by adolescents.

22 (5) Sport management: team management, risk management,
23 and working within the context of an entire school program.

24 (6) Training: certification in CPR and first aid, *including, but*
25 *not limited to, a basic understanding of the signs and symptoms*
26 *of concussions and the appropriate response to concussions.*

27 (7) Knowledge of, and adherence to, statewide rules and
28 regulations, as well as school regulations including, but not
29 necessarily limited to, eligibility, gender equity and discrimination.

30 (8) Sound planning and goal setting.

31 (d) This section does not endorse a particular coaching education
32 or training program.

33 SECTION 1. Section 49032 of the Education Code is amended
34 to read:

35 49032. (a) (1) Effective December 31, 2008, each high school
36 sports coach shall have completed a coaching education program
37 developed by his or her school district or the California
38 Intercollegiate Federation that meets the guidelines set forth in
39 Section 35179.1.

1 (2) Commencing January 1, 2013, each high school sports coach
2 taking or renewing his or her first aid certification shall take
3 additional training that includes a basic understanding of the signs,
4 symptoms, and appropriate emergency action steps regarding
5 potentially catastrophic injuries, including, but not limited to, head
6 and neck injuries, concussions, second impact syndrome, asthma
7 attacks, heat stroke, and cardiac arrest.

8 (3) The coaching education program described by paragraphs
9 (1) and (2) may be taught by an athletic director or high school
10 sports coach who is deemed to be qualified by the California
11 Interscholastic Federation.

12 (b) Upon completion of the coaching education program, a high
13 school sports coach shall be deemed to have completed the
14 education requirement for the remainder of his or her time coaching
15 at the high school level in any school district in the state.

16 (e) Each high school sports coach shall be responsible for the
17 costs of taking the coaching education program.

18 (d) The training requirements of this section shall count toward
19 the continuing education required for the renewal of the teaching
20 credential of a high school sports coach who is also a certificated
21 employee.

22 (e) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a high school sports coach
23 who does not meet the requirements of subdivision (a) may be
24 used for no longer than one season of interscholastic competition.

25 (f) For purposes of this section, "high school sports coach"
26 means an employee or a volunteer who is authorized by a high
27 school to be responsible for leading a school sports team of pupil
28 athletes.

29 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
30 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
31 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
32 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
33 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.