

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1349

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8 An Act relating to public health and safety; defining
9 terms; requiring youth sport organization to develop
10 certain policies and procedures and to develop
11 certain plans; requiring certain training;
12 prohibiting certain individual from rejoining
13 practice or game until certain evaluation occurs;
14 providing for codification; and providing an
15 effective date.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-281 of Title 63, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 As used in this act:

21 1. "Heat illness" means exercise-associated muscle (heat)
22 cramps, heat syncope, exercise (heat) exhaustion, external heat
23 stroke, or exertional hyponatremia. These conditions vary in
24 severity and include, but are not limited to, the symptoms of
involuntary muscle contraction, dehydration, neuromuscular fatigue,

1 dizziness, fainting, headache, nausea, vomiting, increased body
2 temperature, disorientation, mood change, aggression, cardiac arrest
3 and death; and

4 2. "Youth sport organization" means any sport organization
5 which consists of an activity involving physical exertion and skill
6 in which an individual or team competes against another or others
7 and which consists of participants who are under the age of eighteen
8 (18) years and who require the consent of a parent or guardian prior
9 to participation and who are not participating as a requirement for
10 scholarship or academic credit.

11 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.198 of Title 70, unless
13 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 A. Each youth sport organization in this state shall develop
15 policies and procedures relating to heat illness. Policies shall
16 reflect current scientifically based research and well-established
17 national standards. Policies and procedures shall specifically
18 include:

- 19 1. Temperature guidelines for outside activity including but
20 not limited to physical activity and athletic participation;
- 21 2. Uniform regulations based on temperature and humidity; and
- 22 3. Guidelines for heat acclimatization.

23 B. Each youth sport organization shall develop venue-specific
24 emergency action plans based on well-established national standards

1 to be used in the event of heat illness and/or medical emergency.

2 The emergency action plans shall include:

- 3 1. Facility location;
- 4 2. Personnel duties;
- 5 3. Emergency vehicle route/entrance;
- 6 4. Emergency equipment needed;
- 7 5. Roles of first responders;
- 8 6. Immediate heat illness detection and care; and
- 9 7. Postemergency action plans.

10 C. Youth sport organizations shall be required to provide
11 training to coaches relating to the signs of heat illness and
12 symptoms.

13 D. A participant who is suspected of having a heat illness
14 during a youth sport organization practice or game shall be removed
15 from participation at that time. Such participant may not rejoin
16 the practice or game until he or she is evaluated by an individual
17 who is trained in the detection and care of heat illnesses. If the
18 case appears severe, such participant may not rejoin the practice or
19 game until he or she is evaluated by a licensed healthcare provider
20 trained in the evaluation and management of heat-related illnesses
21 and receives written approval from such provider.

22 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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