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Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

- Prohibits an individual from coaching an athletic activity at a public or chartered nonpublic school unless the individual has completed a student mental health training course approved by the Department of Mental Health.
- For renewal of pupil activity permits, changes the frequency of sudden cardiac arrest training and brain trauma and brain injury management training to align with the duration of the permit.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Mental health training for athletic coaches

The bill prohibits an individual from coaching an athletic activity at a public or chartered nonpublic school unless the individual has completed a student mental health training course approved by the Department of Mental Health. On and after the bill's effective date, an individual must (1) complete the training each time the individual applies for or renews a pupil-activity program permit and (2) present evidence of each successful completion to the State Board of Education. However, the individual may complete the training at any time within the duration of the individual's new or renewed permit.¹

The bill also directs the State Board to require each individual applying for a pupil-activity program permit renewal on or after the bill's effective date to present evidence that the individual has completed the training.² The training may be completed as part of another training course.

¹ R.C. 3313.5317, 3314.03(A)(11)(d), 3326.11, and 3328.24.

² R.C. 3319.303(C)(3).

“Athletic activity”

For purposes of the bill’s requirements, “athletic activity” includes all of the following:

1. Interscholastic athletics;
2. An athletic contest or competition that is sponsored by or associated with a school, including cheerleading, club-sponsored sports activities, and sports activities sponsored by school-affiliated organizations;
3. Noncompetitive cheerleading that is sponsored by school-affiliated organizations; and
4. Practices, interschool practices, and scrimmages.³

Frequency of other trainings required for permit renewal

The bill changes the frequency of trainings required to renew a pupil-activity program permit as follows:

- For sudden cardiac arrest training, from annually to within the duration of an individual’s previous permit;⁴ and
- For brain trauma and brain injury management (concussion) training, from within the previous three years to within the duration of an individual’s previous permit.⁵

Background on duration of pupil activity program permits

Pupil activity permits are required for licensed educators and nonlicensed school employees who direct, supervise, or coach a student activity program that involves athletics, routine or regular physical activity, or activities with health and safety considerations.

Generally, licensed educators renew their associated pupil activity permits when they renew their educator licenses. Currently, the resident educator license and alternative resident educator license are renewable every four years. The professional, senior professional, and lead professional educator licenses are renewable every five years.

All other pupil activity permit holders are required to renew the permit every three years.⁶

Effective April 12, 2023, the duration of the resident educator license is two years.⁷ H.B. 151 of the 134th General Assembly, As Reported by the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee, proposes to change the duration of the alternative resident educator

³ See R.C. 3313.5310(A)(2).

⁴ R.C. 3313.5310.

⁵ R.C. 3319.303.

⁶ R.C. 3319.303. See also R.C. 3319.22, 3319.26, and 3319.27, none in the bill, and Ohio Administrative Code 3301-27-01.

⁷ R.C. 3319.22, as amended by H.B. 442 of the 133rd General Assembly.

license to two years effective on April 12, 2023, to align with the resident educator license. The Department of Education has not indicated what the duration of pupil activity permits associated with two-year educator licenses will be beginning in 2023.

HISTORY

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