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A BILL

To enact section 3707.512 of the Revised Code to 1
establish requirements for organizing youth 2
athletic activities during outbreaks of 3
contagious disease or illness and to declare an 4
emergency. 5

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3707.512 of the Revised Code be 6
enacted to read as follows: 7

Sec. 3707.512. (A) As used in this section "youth sports 8
organization" has the same meaning as in section 3707.51 of the 9
Revised Code. 10

(B) Notwithstanding any order issued by the director of 11
health under section 3701.13 of the Revised Code or any local 12
board of health order, and any extension of an order regarding 13
disease epidemic, a youth sports organization may organize youth 14
athletic activities if the organization does both of the 15
following: 16

(1) Prohibits participation in an athletic activity by any 17

player, coach, or athletic trainer who, within forty-eight hours 18
prior to the activity, has had a fever, exhibited flu-like 19
symptoms, or been in contact with any individual known to have 20
tested positive for an infectious disease or illness. Athletic 21
trainers shall make the final determination whether a player may 22
participate in an activity if a player's health is disputed. 23

(2) Requires the cleaning and disinfection of all shared 24
equipment after each team's athletic activity. 25

(C) The requirements prescribed in division (B) of this 26
section shall remain in effect during the period of the 27
emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 28
9, 2020. On and after the date the order is rescinded, a youth 29
sports organization shall not be required to comply with the 30
requirements of division (B) of this section to organize youth 31
athletic activities but is encouraged to operate using best 32
practices to prevent further spread of infectious disease or 33
illness. Best practices may include: 34

(1) Requiring temperature checks and verification of a 35
player's health prior to participation in an athletic activity; 36

(2) Establishing separate locations for player drop-off 37
and pick-up at athletic activities and designating spaces for 38
social distancing of players preparing for an activity or 39
awaiting pick-up; 40

(3) Requiring that each player bring a water bottle or 41
other drink for the player's use only; 42

(4) Limiting attendance at practices to players, coaches, 43
and athletic trainers; 44

(5) Requiring all players, coaches, and athletic trainers 45
to use hand sanitizer upon arrival to a sports activity area, 46

any time an individual leaves and returns to the area, and at 47
the end of an activity; 48

(6) Making hand sanitizer available in all athletic 49
activity areas; 50

(7) Providing cases of water bottles around athletic 51
activity areas and at athletic trainers' tents for emergency 52
use; 53

(8) Cleaning and disinfecting all common areas of sports 54
activity areas after use. 55

Section 2. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 56
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 57
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to 58
allow youth sports organizations to organize athletic activities 59
during the summer of 2020. Therefore, this act shall go into 60
immediate effect. 61