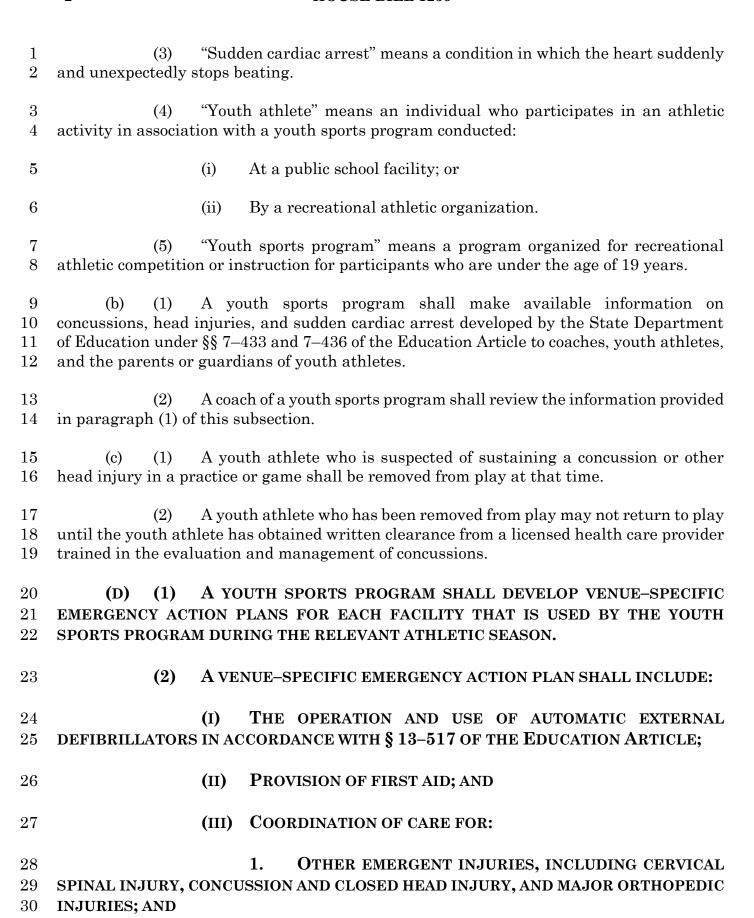
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By: **Delegates Simmons, Hill, D. Jones, Pruski, Rogers, Schmidt, and Toles** Introduced and read first time: February 17, 2023
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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Youth Sports Programs - Venue-Specific Emergency Action Plans - Requirements
4 5 6	FOR the purpose of requiring a youth sports program to develop venue—specific emergency action plans for each facility that is used by the youth sports program during relevant athletic seasons; and generally relating to youth sports programs.
7 8 9 10 11	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Health – General Section 14–501 Annotated Code of Maryland (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)
12 13	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
14	Article - Health - General
15	14–501.
16	(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
17 18 19	(2) "Concussion" means a traumatic injury to the brain causing an immediate and, usually, short—lived change in mental status or an alteration of normal consciousness resulting from:
20	(i) A fall;
21	(ii) A violent blow to the head or body; or
22	(iii) The shaking or spinning of the head or body.





1 2	2. SEVERE WEATHER FOR PRACTICES AND EVENTS AT OUTDOOR FACILITIES.
3 4	(3) A VENUE-SPECIFIC EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN DEVELOPED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE:
5 6 7	(I) AVAILABLE ON THE YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM'S WEBSITE FOR VIEWING BY A PARTICIPANT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH ATHLETIC SEASON;
8	(II) DISTRIBUTED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COACHING STAFF;
10 11 12	(III) REHEARSED IN PERSON AND INTERACTIVELY BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE COACHING STAFF OF EACH SPORT BEFORE EACH RESPECTIVE ATHLETIC SEASON.
13 14 15	(4) THE PROVISIONS OF A VENUE-SPECIFIC EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN FOR THE OPERATION AND USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS SHALL ENSURE THAT:
16 17	(I) AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR IS PRESENT AT OR WITHIN A BRIEF WALK OF EACH ATHLETIC PRACTICE AND EVENT;
18 19	(II) AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR IS FREELY ACCESSIBLE DURING EACH ATHLETIC PRACTICE AND EVENT;
20 21	(III) ALL MEMBERS OF THE COACHING STAFF ARE TRAINED IN THE OPERATION AND USE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR; AND
22 23	(IV) A TRAINED MEMBER OF THE COACHING STAFF IS PRESENT AT EACH ATHLETIC PRACTICE AND EVENT.
24 25 26 27	(5) THE PROVISIONS OF A VENUE-SPECIFIC EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF FIRST AID SHALL REQUIRE ALL MEMBERS OF THE COACHING STAFF TO HOLD A VALID FIRST AID CERTIFICATION FROM THE AMERICAN RED CROSS OR OTHER PROGRAM WITH EQUIVALENT STANDARDS.

- [(d)] (E) Before a youth sports program may use a facility owned or operated by a local government, the local government shall provide notice to the youth sports program of the requirements of this section.
- 31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 32 October 1, 2023.