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A Bill

SENATE BILL 88

By: Senator M. Johnson
By: Representative Gonzales

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO DEFINE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER REGARDING
STUDENT ATHLETE CONCUSSION EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO DEFINE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER REGARDING
STUDENT ATHLETE CONCUSSION EDUCATION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-710(a), concerning the definitions related to student athlete concussion education, is amended to read as follows:

(a)~~(1)~~ As used in this section:

(1) "Healthcare provider" means a person who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by the laws of this state to administer health care in the ordinary course of the practice of his or her profession, including without limitation a physician, doctor of osteopathic medicine, neuropsychologist, advanced practice registered nurse, certified athletic trainer, physician assistant, and physical therapist; and

(2)(A) "Youth ~~youth~~ athletic activity" means an organized athletic activity in which the participants, a majority of whom are under nineteen (19) years of age, are:

~~(A)(i)~~ Engaged in an athletic game or competition against another team, club, or entity; or

~~(B)(ii)~~ In practice or preparation for an organized



athletic game or competition against another team, club, or entity.

~~(2)~~(B) "Youth athletic activity" does not include a college or university activity or an activity that is incidental to a nonathletic program.