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SENATE BILL 6116

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By Senator McAuliffe

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1 AN ACT Relating to volunteers at school athletic events; and adding  
2 a new section to chapter 4.24 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 4.24 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Person" means a person licensed under chapter 18.57 or 18.71  
8 RCW.

9 (b) "Volunteer" means to provide advice or care within the scope of  
10 the person's license without receipt or expectation of salary or  
11 financial remuneration.

12 (2) A person who volunteers his or her services as a licensee shall  
13 not be liable in a cause of action for the delivery of medical advice  
14 or care under the following circumstances:

15 (a) The service is performed for a public school or a private  
16 school approved under chapter 28A.195 RCW;

17 (b) The service is performed during a practice or an intrastate,  
18 interstate, or international competition when either are authorized by  
19 the school;

1 (c) The service is provided to an individual who is participating  
2 in the competition or practice but only if the individual is: (i) A  
3 student participant for a school at a school sanctioned competition or  
4 practice; or (ii) performing a function which is a necessary component  
5 of the competition or practice. This subsection (2)(c)(ii) is limited  
6 to individuals who are coaching, officiating, maintaining official  
7 records, operating equipment necessary for conducting the competition  
8 or practice, or are members of a school band, cheerleader or yell  
9 squad, drill team, or other school-authorized group of students who  
10 perform during a competition; and

11 (d) The service is provided in a manner which is neither grossly  
12 negligent nor willful nor wanton misconduct.

13 (3) A person volunteering his or her services under this section is  
14 not precluded from receiving reimbursement for expenses involving  
15 travel, meals, and lodging when such expenses are incurred solely as a  
16 result of attending a competition or practice. Reimbursement for such  
17 expenses shall not be deemed to change the person's status as a  
18 volunteer.

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