



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6383

January Session, 2013



AN ACT CONCERNING HIRING STANDARDS FOR ATHLETIC DIRECTORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Athletic director" means an individual responsible for
3 administering the athletic program of a school or school district under
4 the jurisdiction of a local or regional board of education, and who is
5 responsible for the supervision of athletic coaches.
- 6 (2) "Athletic coach" means any person holding a coaching permit
7 issued by the State Board of Education who is hired by a local or
8 regional board of education to coach a sport for a sport season as part
9 of intramural and interscholastic athletics for a school or a school
10 district.
- 11 (3) "School professional" means any school teacher, administrator or
12 other personnel certified by the State Board of Education pursuant to
13 section 10-145b of the general statutes.
- 14 (b) (1) On and after July 1, 2013, any person hired by a local or
15 regional board of education to serve as an athletic director for (A) a
16 school shall hold a (i) certificate issued by the State Board of Education
17 pursuant to section 10-145b of the general statutes and a coaching

18 permit issued by the state board, or (ii) certificate issued by a national
19 athletic administrators association, as approved by the Department of
20 Education, and a coaching permit issued by the state board, or (B) a
21 school district shall hold a (i) certificate issued by the state board
22 pursuant to section 10-145b of the general statutes with an
23 intermediate administrator and supervisor endorsement and a
24 coaching permit issued by the state board, or (ii) master certificate
25 issued by a national athletic administrators association, as approved by
26 the department, and a coaching permit issued by the state board.

27 (2) Any person hired prior to July 1, 2013, by a local or regional
28 board of education to serve as an athletic director for a school under
29 the jurisdiction of such board or the school district of such board and
30 who does not meet the qualifications described in subdivision (1) of
31 this subsection may continue to serve as an athletic director in such
32 school or for such school district. No other local or regional board of
33 education shall hire such person as an athletic director unless such
34 person meets the qualifications described in subdivision (1) of this
35 subsection.

36 (c) An athletic director administering the athletic program of a
37 school or school district shall have the following responsibilities: (1)
38 Ensuring that each athletic coach in the athletic program holds a
39 coaching permit issued by the state board, (2) supervising and
40 evaluating athletic coaches, pursuant to section 10-222e of the general
41 statutes, as amended by this act, (3) supervising students participating
42 in intramural or interscholastic athletics, (4) possessing knowledge and
43 understanding of all rules and regulations of the governing authority
44 for intramural and interscholastic athletics, (5) administering and
45 arranging the scheduling of and transportation to athletic activities
46 and events, (6) administering and arranging the scheduling,
47 transportation and hiring of officials, (7) ensuring a safe and healthy
48 environment for all athletic activities and events, and (8) any other
49 duties relevant to the organization and administration of the athletic
50 program for the school or school district.

51 (d) Any athletic director responsible for the evaluation of any school
52 professional shall hold a certificate issued by the State Board of
53 Education, pursuant to section 10-145b of the general statutes, with an
54 intermediate administrator and supervisor endorsement.

55 Sec. 2. Section 10-222e of the general statutes is repealed and the
56 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

57 (a) [Local and regional boards of education that employ athletic
58 coaches shall require the coaches' immediate supervisor to evaluate
59 such coaches on an annual basis and to provide such coaches with
60 copies of such evaluations.]

61 Any local or regional board of education that employs an athletic
62 coach, as defined in section 1 of this act, shall require the athletic
63 director, as defined in section 1 of this act, or the immediate supervisor
64 of such coach to evaluate, in accordance with the provisions of section
65 1 of this act, such coach on an annual basis and provide such coach
66 with a copy of such evaluation.

67 (b) Any local or regional board of education acting directly, or
68 through its duly authorized agent, that terminates or declines to renew
69 the coaching contract of an athletic coach who has served in the same
70 coaching position for three or more consecutive school years shall
71 inform such coach of such decision no later than ninety days after the
72 completion of the sport season covered by the contract. Such coach
73 shall have an opportunity to appeal such decision to the local or
74 regional board of education in a manner prescribed by such local or
75 regional board of education. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a
76 local or regional board of education from terminating the coaching
77 contract of an athletic coach at any time (1) for reasons of moral
78 misconduct, insubordination or a violation of the rules of the board of
79 education, or (2) because a sport has been cancelled by the board of
80 education.

81 [(c) For the purposes of this section, "athletic coach" means any

82 person holding a coaching permit who is hired by a local or regional
83 board of education to coach for a sport season.]

84 Sec. 3. Section 10-149 of the general statutes is repealed and the
85 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

86 The State Board of Education shall, pursuant to chapter 54, adopt
87 regulations fixing the qualifications of athletic coaches, as defined in
88 section 1 of this act, of intramural and interscholastic athletics. Such
89 regulations shall make provision for qualified persons who do not
90 possess a teaching certificate to coach intramural and interscholastic
91 athletics if a qualified person possessing a teaching certificate is not
92 available.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-222e
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-149

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