

# HOUSE BILL No. 1209

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-26-14; IC 34-30-2-86.5.

**Synopsis:** Discipline of coaches and game officials. Requires the department of education (department) to notify the Indiana High School Athletic Association (association) of any license revocation involving a licensed teacher who has been convicted of certain offenses or misconduct. Provides that a school corporation, charter high school, or nonpublic high school with one or more employees must report to the association, in a manner prescribed by the association, when a nonteaching or volunteer coach has been convicted of an offense or committed misconduct. Provides that the association must maintain a repository containing the information the school corporation, charter high school, or nonpublic high school with at least one employee submits to the association. Provides that before hiring a coach, a school corporation, charter high school, or nonpublic school with at least one employee must contact the association to determine whether a coaching candidate is listed in the repository. Provides that the association must develop a policy to determine whether to rescind or negate the coaching accreditation or referee license for: (1) a teacher who has been reported to the association by the department; or (2) a nonteacher or volunteer coach reported to the association by a school corporation, charter high school, or nonpublic high school with at least one employee. Provides that the: (1) association or its employees; or (2) school corporation, charter high school, or nonpublic high school with at least one employee or their employees are immune from civil liability for any act done or omitted unless the action constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

**Effective:** July 1, 2019.

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January 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-26-14-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 2.5. As used in this chapter,**  
4 **"coach" refers to a coach of grades 9 through 12 in all association**  
5 **recognized sports, including nonteaching and volunteer coaches.**  
6 SECTION 2. IC 20-26-14-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
7 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
8 1, 2019]: **Sec. 8. (a) The department shall notify the association of**  
9 **any license revocation or suspension involving a licensed teacher**  
10 **(as defined in IC 20-18-2-22) under IC 20-28-5-8 who:**  
11 **(1) has:**  
12 **(A) been convicted of an offense described in**  
13 **IC 20-28-5-8(c) or of a known comparable offense in**  
14 **another state; or**  
15 **(B) committed misconduct described in IC 20-28-5-7; and**  
16 **(2) is also a coach accredited or referee licensed by the**  
17 **association.**



1           **(b) A school corporation, charter high school, or nonpublic high**  
 2 **school with at least one (1) employee must report to the association,**  
 3 **in a manner prescribed by the association, when a nonteaching or**  
 4 **volunteer coach:**

5           **(1) has:**

6           **(A) been convicted of an offense described in**  
 7 **IC 20-28-5-8(c) or of a known comparable offense in**  
 8 **another state; or**

9           **(B) committed misconduct described in IC 20-28-5-7; and**

10          **(2) is also a coach accredited or referee licensed by the**  
 11 **association.**

12          **(c) The association must maintain a repository containing the**  
 13 **information the department submits to the association under**  
 14 **subsection (b).**

15          **(d) Before hiring a coach, a school corporation, charter high**  
 16 **school, or nonpublic school with at least one (1) employee must**  
 17 **contact the association to determine whether a coaching candidate**  
 18 **is listed in the repository described in subsection (c).**

19          **(e) The association must develop a policy to determine whether**  
 20 **to rescind or negate the coaching accreditation or referee license**  
 21 **for:**

22          **(1) a teacher who has been reported to the association under**  
 23 **subsection (a); and**

24          **(2) a nonteacher or volunteer coach reported to the**  
 25 **association under subsection (b).**

26          **(f) The:**

27          **(1) association or its employees; or**

28          **(2) school corporation, charter high school, or nonpublic**  
 29 **school with at least one (1) employee or its employees;**

30 **are immune from civil liability for any act done or omitted under**  
 31 **this section unless the action constitutes gross negligence or willful**  
 32 **or wanton misconduct.**

33          SECTION 3. IC 34-30-2-86.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 34 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 35 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 86.5. IC 20-26-14-8 (Concerning**  
 36 **teacher license revocation reporting).**

