

CHAPTER 2025-97

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1546

An act relating to background screening of athletic coaches; amending s. 943.0438, F.S.; revising the date upon which certain background screenings of athletic coaches must be conducted; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 943.0438, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

943.0438 Athletic coaches for independent sanctioning authorities.—

(2) An independent sanctioning authority shall:

(a) Effective July 1, 2026 ~~January 1, 2025~~, conduct a level 2 background screening under s. 435.04 of each current and prospective athletic coach. The authority may not delegate this responsibility to an individual team and may not authorize any person to act as an athletic coach unless a level 2 background screening is conducted and does not result in disqualification under paragraph (b).

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor May 27, 2025.

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