

Senator Todd Weiler proposes the following substitute bill:

ATHLETE INJURY AMENDMENTS

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Paul Ray

Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill shields an amateur sports organization from liability for injuries under certain circumstances.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► shields an agent of an amateur sports organization and the organization from liability for injuries to an athlete if the organization has a protocol for injuries in place and the protocol was followed and documented at the time of the injury.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26-53-501, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26-53-501** is enacted to read:



26 **26-53-501. Liability.**

27 There is a rebuttable presumption that a nonprofit amateur sports organization or an
28 agent of a nonprofit amateur sports organization was not negligent in causing injuries or future
29 medical conditions related to an injury suffered by an athlete during a sporting event sponsored
30 by the amateur sports organization if:

31 (1) the injury is the result of an inherent risk of the activity;

32 (2) the amateur sports organization and the participating team or club has a policy in
33 place consistent with this chapter;

34 (3) the agents of the amateur sports organization were trained about the policy;

35 (4) the policy applied to the circumstances of and nature of the injury; and

36 (5) the policy was followed and documented at the time of the injury.