

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2025 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 477

By Senator Woelfel

[Introduced February 14, 2025; referred
to the Committee on Education; and then to the
Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18-2-25c of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to requiring an ambulance at any middle school or high school football game under the
3 control, supervision, and regulation of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities
4 Commission.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-25c. Defibrillator and ambulance required at certain events.

1 (a) In memory of Alex Miller, a Roane County football player who collapsed and died during
2 a school football game, this law shall be known as The Alex Miller Law.

3 (b) By the 2021-2022 school year, the West Virginia Secondary School Activities
4 Commission shall require that an automated external defibrillator device, as well as a posted
5 emergency action plan, be present on the school or event grounds during the duration of all
6 athletic events and practices under the control, supervision, and regulation of the commission, and
7 that appropriate school sports personnel be trained in the use of the device.

8 (c) By the 2025-2026 school year, the commission shall require that an ambulance be
9 present on the school or event grounds during the duration of all middle school and high school
10 football games under the control, supervision, and regulation of the commission.

11 ~~(e)~~ (d) The commission shall propose rules for promulgation by the State Board in
12 accordance with §29A-3B-1 *et seq.* of this code to implement the provisions of this section
13 including proximity.

14 ~~(d)~~ (e) No individual, school, county board of education, or other entity ~~shall~~ may be held
15 liable for civil damages when such individual, school, county board of education, or other entity in
16 good faith attempted to comply with the requirements of this section or rules promulgated pursuant
17 thereto.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require an ambulance at any middle school or high

school football game under the control, supervision, and regulation of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.