

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2025 REGULAR SESSION**

### **Committee Substitute**

**for**

### **Senate Bill 477**

By Senators Woelfel and Deeds

[Reported March 14, 2025, from the Committee on  
Education]

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, if available, at any middle school or high school football game  
3 under the control, supervision, and regulation of the West Virginia Secondary School  
4 Activities Commission; and providing that if the ambulance is required to leave due to  
5 being called away on an emergency, the game can continue.

*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, if  
9 available, be present on the school or event grounds during the duration of all middle school and  
10 high school football games under the control, supervision, and regulation of the commission:  
11 Provided, That if the ambulance is required to leave due to being called away on an emergency,  
12 the game may continue.

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

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

19 thereto.