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## RED BANNER UPDATE

- Date:** May 13, 2021
- Re:** HB 1801
- Signed:** May 11, 2021
- Effective:** November 1, 2021, *but note that the Act requires district action prior to the 2021-2022 school year*
- Topic:** *Riley's Rule*: Emergency Medical Services at Athletic Events or Activities
- Summary:** This Act amends and renames the *Riley Boatwright Act*, OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 27-104, to *Riley's Rule* and, prior to the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, requires school boards to coordinate with emergency medical service providers that serve the area in which the district is located to develop an Emergency Action Plan ("Plan") for "each facility and athletic practices, events or activities held at school district facilities."

The Act requires that this Plan must . . .

1. include maps and directions with appropriate contact information for emergency medical services;
2. assign a medical administrator who is a current school employee such as a coach, administrator or athletic director;
3. define responsibilities and personnel on-site, both medical and school officials;
4. include a list of medical equipment available and location of the nearest automated external defibrillator, if available;
5. be posted at each facility;
6. be distributed to all school officials involved in athletic practices, events or activities held at school district facilities; and
7. specify documentation actions after any emergency to evaluate for debriefing purposes and to determine if there are necessary changes to the Plan.

The Plan must be reviewed, updated, and rehearsed annually with school officials and local emergency medical services providers and placed on file with the



district and the emergency medical services provider. The Plan must be updated to reflect “any potential significant changes that would affect implementation of the plan.”

Finally, the Act requires that prior to each athletic event or activity where there are athletes participating from visiting schools, the Plan must be digitally transmitted to the visiting school administrator or coach or posted on the school’s website.

Please visit the firm’s website to view the signed Act.

RFR attorneys are reviewing this legislation and will be advising clients as to any recommended changes to existing district policies.