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Introduced by Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven, Acinapura of Brandon,
Buxton of Royalton, Christie of Hartford, Hebert of Vernon,
Helm of Fair Haven, Larocque of Barnet, McNeil of Rutland
Town, Stevens of Shoreham, Till of Jericho and Winters of
Williamstown

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Court procedure; immunity from liability; volunteer coaches

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to grant limited civil immunity to
volunteer sports coaches for acts occurring during coaching.

An act relating to civil immunity for volunteer coaches

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 12 V.S.A. § 5784 is added to read:

§ 5784. VOLUNTEER COACHES

(a) A volunteer coach shall not be held liable for damages resulting from
his or her service as a volunteer coach unless the person's acts constitute gross
negligence.

(b) For purposes of this section, "volunteer coach" means a person who,
without remuneration, trains an athlete or a sports team.

- 1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2 This act shall take effect on passage.