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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to background screening of athletic  
3       coaches; amending s. 943.0438, F.S.; revising the date  
4       upon which certain background screenings of athletic  
5       coaches must be conducted; providing an effective  
6       date.

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8   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10       Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
11       943.0438, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12       943.0438 Athletic coaches for independent sanctioning  
13       authorities.—

14       (2) An independent sanctioning authority shall:

15       (a) Effective July 1, 2026 ~~January 1, 2025~~, conduct a level  
16       2 background screening under s. 435.04 of each current and  
17       prospective athletic coach. The authority may not delegate this  
18       responsibility to an individual team and may not authorize any  
19       person to act as an athletic coach unless a level 2 background  
20       screening is conducted and does not result in disqualification  
21       under paragraph (b).

22       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.