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**Amendment**

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 456

File No. 408

Cal. No. 424

**"AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT ATHLETES AND CONCUSSIONS."**

1 Strike line 41 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:  
2 "(2) On or before July 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, the State Board  
3 of Education, in"

4 Strike lines 58 to 77, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the  
5 following in lieu thereof:

6 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) (a) (1) The coach of any  
7 intramural or interscholastic athletics shall immediately remove any  
8 student athlete participating in intramural or interscholastic athletics  
9 who (A) is observed to exhibit signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent  
10 with a concussion following an observed or suspected blow to the  
11 head or body, or (B) is diagnosed with a concussion, regardless of  
12 when such concussion or head injury may have occurred.

13 (2) The coach shall not permit such student athlete to participate in  
14 any supervised team activities involving physical exertion, including,  
15 but not limited to, practices, games or competitions, until such student  
16 athlete receives written clearance to participate in such supervised  
17 team activities involving physical exertion from a licensed health care  
18 professional trained in the evaluation and management of  
19 concussions."

20 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
21 internal references accordingly:

22 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Education shall  
23 consider a coach of intramural or interscholastic athletics as having  
24 successfully completed the initial training course regarding  
25 concussions and head injuries required pursuant section 1 of this act if  
26 such coach completes a course that is offered by the governing  
27 authority for intramural and interscholastic athletics and is  
28 substantially similar, as determined by the department, to the training  
29 course required pursuant to section 1 of this act, provided such  
30 substantially similar course is completed on or after January 1, 2010,  
31 but prior to the date the State Board of Education approves the  
32 training course pursuant to section 1 of this act."