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Testimony for Raised Bill 185

“AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE TO PARENTS OF STUDENT ATHLETES ABOUT CONCUSSIONS AND HEAD INJURIES.”

The Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors would like to enter testimony regarding Raised Bill 185. Currently all coaches must perform a “duty” to warn all athletes. Included in that current process is the issuance of a parental/student permission form which often has common language that states *“I/We Acknowledge that even with the best coaching, use of the most advanced protective equipment and strict observance of rules, injuries are still possible. On rare occasions these injuries can be severe in nature and even cause death.”* The duty to warn transcends to BOTH the parent and the student and a separate cumbersome document is not needed.

Therefore, we can support Bill 185 provided it is extended to the student, that it specifically states they must be informed in writing of the signs and symptoms of concussions and that this information be merged into a schools already existing permission/consent form process.

Sincerely,

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