



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 185**

LCO No. 1074

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-149b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

3 (a) (1) For the school year commencing July 1, 2010, and each school  
4 year thereafter, any person who holds or is issued a coaching permit  
5 by the State Board of Education and is a coach of intramural or  
6 interscholastic athletics shall complete an initial training course  
7 regarding concussions and head injuries, developed or approved  
8 pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section, prior to  
9 commencing the coaching assignment for the season of such school  
10 athletics.

11 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2011, and each school  
12 year thereafter, and after completion of the initial training course  
13 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, such coach shall  
14 annually review current and relevant information regarding  
15 concussions and head injuries, prepared or approved pursuant to

16 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section, prior to commencing  
17 the coaching assignment for the season of such school athletics. Such  
18 annual review shall not be required in any year when such coach is  
19 required to complete the refresher course, pursuant to subdivision (3)  
20 of this subsection, for reissuance of his or her coaching permit.

21 (3) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school  
22 year thereafter, a coach shall complete a refresher course, developed or  
23 approved pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section,  
24 not later than five years after completion of the initial training course,  
25 as a condition of the reissuance of a coaching permit to such coach.  
26 Such coach shall thereafter retake such refresher course at least once  
27 every five years as a condition of the reissuance of a coaching permit to  
28 such coach.

29 (b) (1) On or before July 1, 2010, the State Board of Education, in  
30 consultation with (A) the governing authority for intramural and  
31 interscholastic athletics, (B) an appropriate organization representing  
32 licensed athletic trainers, and (C) an organization representing county  
33 medical associations, shall develop or approve a training course  
34 regarding concussions and head injuries. Such training course shall  
35 include, but not be limited to, (i) the recognition of the symptoms of a  
36 concussion or head injury, (ii) the means of obtaining proper medical  
37 treatment for a person suspected of having a concussion or head  
38 injury, and (iii) the nature and risk of concussions and head injuries,  
39 including the danger of continuing to play after sustaining a  
40 concussion or head injury and the proper method of allowing a  
41 student athlete who has sustained a concussion or head injury to  
42 return to athletic activity.

43 (2) On or before July 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, the State  
44 Board of Education, in consultation with the organizations described  
45 in subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall prepare or approve annual  
46 review materials regarding current and relevant information about  
47 concussions and head injuries.

48 (3) On or before January 1, 2014, the State Board of Education, in  
49 consultation with the organizations described in subdivision (1) of this  
50 subsection, shall develop or approve a refresher course regarding  
51 concussions and head injuries. Such refresher course shall include, but  
52 not be limited to, (A) an overview of key recognition and safety  
53 practices, (B) an update on medical developments in the field of  
54 concussion research and prevention, and (C) an update on new  
55 relevant federal, state and local laws and regulations.

56 (c) (1) On or before January 1, 2013, the State Board of Education, in  
57 consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall develop  
58 and approve a written statement to inform the parents and legal  
59 guardians of student athletes involved in intramural or interscholastic  
60 athletic activities regarding concussions and head injuries.

61 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2013, and each school  
62 year thereafter, any person who holds or is issued a coaching permit  
63 by the State Board of Education and is a coach of intramural or  
64 interscholastic athletics shall, before beginning the athletic activity for  
65 the school year, provide the parent or legal guardian of each  
66 participating student athlete with a copy of the written statement  
67 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection and obtain the parent or  
68 legal guardian's signature attesting to the fact that the parent or legal  
69 guardian has received a copy of such statement and authorizes the  
70 student athlete to participate in the athletic activity.

71 [(c)] (d) The State Board of Education may revoke the coaching  
72 permit, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (j) of section  
73 10-145b, of any coach found to be in violation of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	10-149b

**Statement of Purpose:**

To inform the parents and legal guardians of student athletes about concussions and head injuries.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*