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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 Section 10-149b of the general statutes is repealed and the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	October 1, 2012	10-149b

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Joint Favorable C/R

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