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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 Section 10-149b of the general statutes is repealed and the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

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