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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO STUDY INJURY RATES IN SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAMS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Public
2 Health, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, shall,
3 within available appropriations, establish a pilot program to study the
4 incidence of injuries, and concussions in particular, to high school
5 students during participation in interscholastic athletic activities. The
6 Commissioner of Public Health shall make grants-in-aid from available
7 appropriations to twenty high schools for the purpose of monitoring
8 such injuries during a two-year period and reporting the occurrence of
9 such injuries to the Commissioner of Public Health, in the form and
10 manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Health. Any high
11 school that receives a grant-in-aid shall monitor and report such
12 injuries with the cooperation of the school athletic director, licensed
13 athletic trainers that provide services to the school, any physician
14 associated with the school athletic program and the Connecticut
15 Interscholastic Athletic Conference. The Commissioner of Public
16 Health may accept funds from private and federal government sources

17 for the purpose of making such grants-in-aid.

18 (b) There is established a task force to review and analyze reports
19 submitted to the Commissioner of Public Health by high schools
20 receiving grants-in-aid in accordance with subsection (a) of this
21 section. The task force shall be comprised of the following members:
22 (1) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
23 designee; (2) the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's
24 designee; (3) a representative of the Connecticut Interscholastic
25 Athletic Conference; (4) a representative of the Connecticut Athletic
26 Trainers' Association; (5) the director of The University of Connecticut
27 Health Center's Injury Prevention and Sports Outreach program; and
28 (6) a representative of a children's hospital in the state. The task force
29 shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
30 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
31 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health,
32 education and appropriations not later than January 1, 2016. Such
33 report shall include a summary of the reports submitted to the
34 Commissioner of Public Health in accordance with subsection (a) of
35 this section and recommendations for decreasing the number and
36 severity of injuries incurred by students during high school athletic
37 activities. The task force shall terminate on the date it submits such
38 report or January 1, 2016, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a pilot program to monitor incidents of injuries to high school students during participation in interscholastic athletic activities and to establish a task force to study such injuries and make recommendations to decrease the number of such 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.]