



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 966**

January Session, 2013



**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, to  
3 the extent that private or federal government funds are available and  
4 at no cost to the state, establish a pilot program to study the incidence  
5 of injuries, and concussions in particular, to high school students  
6 during participation in interscholastic athletic activities. The  
7 Commissioner of Public Health shall make grants-in-aid from available  
8 funds to twenty high schools for the purpose of monitoring such  
9 injuries during a two-year period and reporting the occurrence of such  
10 injuries to the Commissioner of Public Health, in the form and manner  
11 prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Health. Any high school  
12 that receives a grant-in-aid shall monitor and report such injuries with  
13 the cooperation of the school athletic director, licensed athletic trainers  
14 that provide services to the school, any physician associated with the  
15 school athletic program and the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic  
16 Conference. The Commissioner of Public Health may accept funds  
17 from private and federal government sources for the purpose of  
18 making such grants-in-aid.
- 19 (b) Not later than one year after commencement of a pilot program,

20 as described in subsection (a) of this section, the Commissioner of  
21 Public Health shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section  
22 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the  
23 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
24 health and education. Such report shall include a summary of the  
25 reports submitted to the commissioner in accordance with subsection  
26 (a) of this section and recommendations for decreasing the number  
27 and severity of injuries incurred by students during high school  
28 athletic activities.

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

**APP**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*