



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 966

Senate, May 14, 2013

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Local and Regional School Districts	Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Explanation

There is no fiscal impact associated with requiring the Department of Public Health (DPH) to establish a pilot program to the extent that private and/or federal government funds are available and at no cost to the state. Should DPH obtain funding to implement this pilot program, a revenue gain to certain local and regional school districts is anticipated. This revenue gain is associated with participating high schools receiving grant-in-aids. Funding to be provided through these grants-in-aid is not specified in the bill.

The Out Years

The pilot program is limited to a two year period and, as such, there is no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities in the out years.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 9 (04/01/2013)

Education Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 28 Nay 1 (04/29/2013)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 40 Nay 8 (05/07/2013)