

HB 5113

I think it is very important to update the existing concussion bill that presently exists in the state of Connecticut. While I have concerns that the bill, in its current form, is vague in some areas, it is better to pass this bill than not passing anything. I would hope that the bill might be altered, prior to passage, so as to include the recommendations that were developed by the Connecticut State Medical Society working closely with its Committee on Sport Medicine, CIAC and CATA.

In the future, it might be more prudent to work with medical organizations (CSMS and its Committee on the Medical Aspects of Sports) to help draft a bill that addresses all the issues on this matter to create a bill that would better serve the constituents of this state. I am very concerned that some items have been left out, including the guidelines in the November 2014 American Academy of Pediatrics publication on Returning to Learning After a Concussion of which I was one of the authors.

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