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"AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH ATHLETICS AND CONCUSSIONS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 to study occurrences of concussions in youth athletics and to make
5 recommendations for possible legislative initiatives to address such
6 concussions. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, an
7 examination of (1) current best practices in the recognition and
8 prevention of concussions in youth athletics, (2) current policies and
9 procedures for addressing concussions utilized by operators of youth
10 athletic leagues in the state, (3) training of employees and volunteers
11 participating in such youth athletic leagues, and (4) relevant federal,

12 state and local laws and regulations involving concussions.

13 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

14 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
15 one of whom shall represent the governing authority for intramural
16 and interscholastic athletics, and one of whom shall represent the
17 Connecticut State Medical Society;

18 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
19 of whom shall represent county medical associations, and one of
20 whom shall represent the American Association of Neurology;

21 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
22 Representatives, one of whom shall represent licensed athletic trainers,
23 and one of whom shall be a coach of youth athletics;

24 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of
25 whom shall be a physician trained in sports medicine, and one of
26 whom shall represent the Association of School Nurses of Connecticut;

27 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
28 Representatives, one of whom shall be an academic who has studied
29 the effects of concussions on children, and one of whom shall represent
30 the Connecticut Association of School Psychologists;

31 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of
32 whom shall represent the Connecticut Concussion Task Force, and one
33 of whom shall represent the Connecticut Children's Medical Center;

34 (7) Two appointed by the house chairperson of the joint standing
35 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
36 relating to children, one of whom shall represent a parent advocacy
37 group that advocates for concussion awareness, and one of whom shall
38 be a chiropractor licensed pursuant to chapter 372 of the general
39 statutes;

40 (8) Two appointed by the senate chairperson of the joint standing
41 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
42 relating to children, one of whom shall represent the Connecticut
43 Recreation and Parks Association, and one of whom shall be an
44 attorney with experience representing brain injury survivors;

45 (9) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
46 designee;

47 (10) The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the
48 commissioner's designee;

49 (11) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's
50 designee; and

51 (12) A representative of the Hezekiah Beardsley Connecticut
52 Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, who shall be
53 appointed by the Governor.

54 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
55 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
56 filled by the appointing authority.

57 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
58 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
59 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
60 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
61 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

62 (e) The administrative staff of the Commission on Children shall
63 serve as administrative staff of the task force.

64 (f) Not later than January 1, 2015, the task force shall submit a report
65 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees
66 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
67 children and public health, in accordance with the provisions of
68 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on

69 the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2015, whichever is
70 later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section