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**"AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS
TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. Section 10-149b of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

5 (a) (1) For the school year commencing July 1, 2010, and each school
6 year thereafter, any person who holds or is issued a coaching permit
7 by the State Board of Education and is a coach of intramural or
8 interscholastic athletics shall complete an initial training course
9 regarding concussions, [which are a type of brain injury,] developed or
10 approved pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section,
11 prior to commencing the coaching assignment for the season of such
12 school athletics.

13 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2014, and each school
14 year thereafter, any coach who has completed [the] an initial training

15 course described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall annually
16 review current and relevant information regarding concussions,
17 prepared or approved pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of
18 this section, prior to commencing the coaching assignment for the
19 season of such school athletics. Such annual review shall not be
20 required in any year when such coach is required to complete the
21 refresher course, pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection, for
22 reissuance of his or her coaching permit.

23 (3) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school
24 year thereafter, a coach shall complete a refresher course, developed or
25 approved pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section,
26 not later than five years after completion of [the] an initial training
27 course, as a condition of the reissuance of a coaching permit to such
28 coach. Such coach shall thereafter retake such refresher course at least
29 once every five years as a condition of the reissuance of a coaching
30 permit to such coach.

31 (b) (1) The State Board of Education, in consultation with (A) the
32 Commissioner of Public Health, (B) the governing authority for
33 intramural and interscholastic athletics, (C) an appropriate
34 organization representing licensed athletic trainers, and (D) an
35 organization representing county medical associations, shall develop
36 or approve [a] one or more training [course] courses regarding
37 concussions and may develop or approve training standards regarding
38 concussions. Such training [course] courses and training standards
39 shall include, but not be limited to, (i) the recognition of the symptoms
40 of a concussion, (ii) the means of obtaining proper medical treatment
41 for a person suspected of having a concussion, and (iii) the nature and
42 risk of concussions, including the danger of continuing to engage in
43 athletic activity after sustaining a concussion and the proper method of
44 allowing a student athlete who has sustained a concussion to return to
45 athletic activity.

46 (2) On or before October 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the State
47 Board of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public

48 Health and the organizations described in subparagraphs (B) to (D),
49 inclusive, of subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall develop or
50 approve annual review materials regarding current and relevant
51 information about concussions and may develop or approve standards
52 for review regarding current and relevant information about
53 concussions.

54 (3) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
55 Commissioner of Public Health and the organizations described in
56 subparagraphs (B) to (D), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of this
57 subsection, shall develop or approve [a] one or more refresher [course]
58 courses regarding concussions and may develop or approve refresher
59 standards regarding concussions. Such refresher [course] courses and
60 standards shall include, but not be limited to, (A) an overview of key
61 recognition and safety practices, (B) an update on medical
62 developments and current best practices in the field of concussion
63 research, prevention and treatment, (C) an update on new relevant
64 federal, state and local laws and regulations, and (D) for football
65 coaches, current best practices regarding coaching the sport of football,
66 including, but not limited to, frequency of games and full contact
67 practices and scrimmages as identified by the governing authority for
68 intramural and interscholastic athletics.

69 (c) On or before January 1, 2015, the State Board of Education, in
70 consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health and the
71 organizations described in subparagraphs (B) to (D), inclusive, of
72 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section, shall develop or
73 approve a concussion education plan and may develop or approve
74 concussion education standards for use by local and regional boards of
75 education. Each local and regional board of education shall implement
76 such plan or plans and may implement such standards by utilizing
77 written materials, online training or videos or in-person training that
78 shall address, at a minimum: (1) The recognition of signs or symptoms
79 of concussion, (2) the means of obtaining proper medical treatment for
80 a person suspected of sustaining a concussion, (3) the nature and risks

81 of concussions, including the danger of continuing to engage in
82 athletic activity after sustaining a concussion, (4) the proper
83 procedures for allowing a student athlete who has sustained a
84 concussion to return to athletic activity, and (5) current best practices
85 in the prevention and treatment of a concussion.

86 (d) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school
87 year thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall
88 prohibit a student athlete from participating in any intramural or
89 interscholastic athletic activity unless the student athlete, and a parent
90 or guardian of such student athlete, (1) reads written materials, (2)
91 views online training or videos, or (3) attends in-person training
92 regarding [the] a concussion education plan or concussion education
93 standards developed or approved pursuant to subsection (c) of this
94 section.

95 (e) (1) On or before July 1, 2015, the State Board of Education, in
96 consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health and the
97 organizations described in subparagraphs (B) to (D), inclusive, of
98 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section, shall develop or
99 approve an informed consent form to distribute to the parents and
100 legal guardians of student athletes involved in intramural or
101 interscholastic athletic activities regarding concussions. Such informed
102 consent form shall include, at a minimum, (A) a summary of the
103 concussion education plan developed or approved pursuant to
104 subsection (c) of this section, and (B) a summary of the applicable local
105 or regional board of education's policies regarding concussions.

106 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school
107 year thereafter, each school shall provide each participating student
108 athlete's parent or legal guardian with a copy of the informed consent
109 form developed or approved pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
110 subsection and obtain such parent's or legal guardian's signature,
111 attesting to the fact that such parent or legal guardian has received a
112 copy of such form and authorizes the student athlete to participate in
113 the athletic activity.

114 (f) The State Board of Education may revoke the coaching permit, in
115 accordance with the provisions of subsection (i) of section 10-145b, of
116 any coach found to be in violation of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	10-149b