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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 Section 10-149b of the general statutes is repealed and the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. Such training course or courses shall include, but not be
38 limited to, (i) the recognition of the symptoms of a concussion, (ii) the
39 means of obtaining proper medical treatment for a person suspected of
40 having a concussion, and (iii) the nature and risk of concussions,
41 including the danger of continuing to engage in athletic activity after
42 sustaining a concussion and the proper method of allowing a student
43 athlete who has sustained a concussion to return to athletic activity.

44 (2) On or before October 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the State
45 Board of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public
46 Health and the organizations described in subparagraphs (B) to (D),
47 inclusive, of subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall develop or

48 approve annual review materials regarding current and relevant
49 information about concussions.

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

64 (c) On or before January 1, 2015, the State Board of Education, in
65 consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health and the
66 organizations described in subparagraphs (B) to (D), inclusive, of
67 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section, shall develop or
68 approve [a] one or more concussion education [plan] plans for use by
69 local and regional boards of education. Each local and regional board
70 of education shall implement such plan or plans by utilizing written
71 materials, online training or videos or in-person training that shall
72 address, at a minimum: (1) The recognition of signs or symptoms of
73 concussion, (2) the means of obtaining proper medical treatment for a
74 person suspected of sustaining a concussion, (3) the nature and risks of
75 concussions, including the danger of continuing to engage in athletic
76 activity after sustaining a concussion, (4) the proper procedures for
77 allowing a student athlete who has sustained a concussion to return to
78 athletic activity, and (5) current best practices in the prevention and
79 treatment of a concussion.

80 (d) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school

81 year thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall
82 prohibit a student athlete from participating in any intramural or
83 interscholastic athletic activity unless the student athlete, and a parent
84 or guardian of such student athlete, (1) reads written materials, (2)
85 views online training or videos, or (3) attends in-person training
86 regarding [the] a concussion education plan developed or approved
87 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

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

99 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school
100 year thereafter, each school shall provide each participating student
101 athlete's parent or legal guardian with a copy of the informed consent
102 form developed or approved pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
103 subsection and obtain such parent's or legal guardian's signature,
104 attesting to the fact that such parent or legal guardian has received a
105 copy of such form and authorizes the student athlete to participate in
106 the athletic activity.

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

110 (g) The Department of Education may develop or approve
111 concussion standards to supplement or replace the training course or
112 courses regarding concussions, the review materials regarding

113 concussions, the refresher course or courses regarding concussions and
114 the concussion education plan or plans developed or approved
115 pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this section."

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