



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5130***

LCO No. 564



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CLEARANCE OF STUDENT ATHLETES WITH  
CONCUSSIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN TEAM ACTIVITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-149c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 (a) (1) The coach of any intramural or interscholastic athletics shall  
4 immediately remove a student athlete from participating in any  
5 intramural or interscholastic athletic activity who (A) is observed to  
6 exhibit signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion  
7 following an observed or suspected blow to the head or body, or (B) is  
8 diagnosed with a concussion, regardless of when such concussion may  
9 have occurred. Upon such removal, a qualified school employee, as  
10 defined in subsection (e) of section 10-212a, shall notify the student  
11 athlete's parent or legal guardian that the student athlete has exhibited  
12 such signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion or has  
13 been diagnosed with a concussion. Such qualified school employee  
14 shall provide such notification not later than twenty-four hours after  
15 such removal and shall make a reasonable effort to provide such

16 notification immediately after such removal.

17 (2) The coach shall not permit such student athlete to participate in  
18 any supervised team activities involving physical exertion, including,  
19 but not limited to, practices, games or competitions, until such student  
20 athlete receives written clearance to participate in such supervised  
21 team activities involving physical exertion from a licensed health care  
22 professional trained in the evaluation and management of concussions.

23 (3) Following clearance pursuant to subdivision (2) of this  
24 subsection, the coach shall not permit such student athlete to  
25 participate in any full, unrestricted supervised team activities without  
26 limitations on contact or physical exertion, including, but not limited  
27 to, practices, games or competitions, until such student athlete (A) no  
28 longer exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a  
29 concussion at rest or with exertion, and (B) receives written clearance  
30 to participate in such full, unrestricted supervised team activities from  
31 a licensed health care professional trained in the evaluation and  
32 management of concussions.

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

36 (c) For purposes of this section, "licensed health care professional"  
37 means a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370, a physician  
38 assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 370, an advanced practice  
39 registered nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378, [or] an athletic  
40 trainer licensed pursuant to chapter 375a or a physical therapist  
41 licensed pursuant to chapter 376.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	10-149c

***Statement of Purpose:***

To add physical therapists to the list of those health care professionals who may clear a student athlete who has suffered from a concussion for participation in team activities.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*