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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 5291**

***AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO INFORMATION REGARDING  
THE SAFETY OF SPORTS HELMETS.***

**SUMMARY**

The National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) develops performance standards for sports helmets and other protective equipment. This bill allows manufacturers that sell protective headgear that meets such standards to report that fact to the State Department of Education (SDE). Specifically, they may report (1) that the headgear is certified as meeting the NOCSAE general or sports specific performance standards and (2) the severity index unit score of the headgear.

Under the bill, if manufacturers report such information to SDE, the department must post the information on its website, within available appropriations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 1 (03/23/2018)