



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5291

House of Representatives, April 11, 2018

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. STEINBERG of the 136th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) (a) Any manufacturer that
2 sells protective headgear that meets performance standard criteria set
3 forth by the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic
4 Equipment may report to the State Department of Education that such
5 protective headgear is certified as meeting the general or sports
6 specific performance standards of said committee. Such report may
7 include the severity index unit score of the headgear.

8 (b) The State Department of Education shall post, within available
9 appropriations, the information contained in each report made by a
10 manufacturer pursuant to subsection (a) of this section on its Internet
11 web site.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	New section

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

There is no cost to the State Department of Education to post information received from various manufacturers of protective headgear on its website, as the department has the resources and expertise necessary to do so.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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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

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