



House of Representatives

File No. 667

General Assembly

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(Reprint of File No. 414)

Substitute House Bill No. 5291
As Amended by House
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 2, 2018

**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY ON 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. (*Effective October 1, 2018*) (a) The Department of Public
2 Health shall convene a working group to develop recommendations
3 for creating a system for rating the safety of youth athletic protective
4 headgear and for public disclosure of such protective headgear's safety
5 rating.

6 (b) The working group convened pursuant to subsection (a) of this
7 section shall include at least three members, one each of whom shall be
8 chosen by the Commissioners of Consumer Protection, Education and
9 Public Health, or their designees, and may include a representative
10 from the Connecticut Athletic Trainers' Association, the Brain Injury
11 Alliance of Connecticut, the Connecticut Nurses' Association, the
12 Commission on Women, Children and Seniors, the Parents Concussion
13 Coalition or a helmet manufacturer, a chiropractor licensed under
14 chapter 372 of the general statutes, an orthopedic sports physician or

15 any other member the Department of Public Health deems necessary
 16 and relevant to carrying out the working group's duties under this
 17 section. All appointments to the working group shall be made not later
 18 than thirty days after the effective date of this section.

19 (c) The working group shall recommend, based on performance
 20 standards for youth athletic protective headgear, the data that should
 21 be collected for purposes of (1) developing a safety ratings system to
 22 identify which youth athletic protective headgear best protects against
 23 head injury, and (2) determining the best way to make such safety
 24 ratings available to the public to allow consumers to easily compare
 25 overall performance amongst different models of youth protective
 26 headgear.

27 (d) On or before January 1, 2019, the working group shall report, in
 28 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
 29 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
 30 cognizance of matters relating to public health, education, children and
 31 consumer protection regarding its findings and recommendations.

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

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

The bill as amended, which establishes a youth athletic protective headgear working group, does not result in a fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for working group members.

House "A" struck the underlying bill and replaced it with language discussed above.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5291 (as amended by House "A")

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 1 (03/23/2018)