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***AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS FOR
INTERSCHOLASTIC AND INTRAMURAL ATHLETIC EVENTS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) For the school year
2 commencing July 1, 2022, and each school year thereafter, each local and
3 regional board of education and supervisory agent of a nonpublic
4 school, in consultation with local emergency medical services providers
5 and allied health professionals, shall develop and implement an
6 emergency action plan for responding to serious and life-threatening
7 sports-related injuries that occur during interscholastic and intramural
8 athletic events.

9 (b) Such emergency action plan shall establish the procedures to be
10 followed in the event that a student sustains a serious injury or illness
11 while participating in an interscholastic or intramural athletic event, and
12 shall include, but need not be limited to, the following components:

13 (1) A list of the school employees, coaches or licensed athletic trainers
14 in each school who will be responsible for implementing the emergency
15 action plan and a description of each person's responsibilities under the

16 plan;

17 (2) An identification of the location or venue where the interscholastic
18 or intramural athletic event is taking place;

19 (3) A description of the equipment and supplies that may be available
20 at the site of the interscholastic or intramural athletic event that will
21 assist in responding to an emergency, including the location of where
22 such equipment and supplies may be found at such site;

23 (4) A description of the procedures to be followed when a student
24 sustains a serious sports-related injury, including, but not limited to,
25 responding to the injured student, summoning emergency medical care,
26 assisting local first responders in getting to the injured student and
27 documenting the actions taken during the emergency;

28 (5) A description of the protocols to be followed during cardiac or
29 respiratory emergencies, including the operation of an automatic
30 external defibrillator, use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation or the
31 administration of medication, in accordance with the provisions of
32 section 10-212a of the general statutes;

33 (6) A description of the protocols to be followed when a student is
34 observed to exhibit signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a
35 concussion or is diagnosed with a concussion, in accordance with the
36 provisions of section 10-149c of the general statutes;

37 (7) A description of the protocols to be followed when a student
38 suffers from a traumatic brain injury or spinal cord injury, provided
39 such protocols are designed to include instructions that are based on the
40 level of training of the person implementing the emergency action plan
41 and are in accordance with best practices and state law; and

42 (8) A description of the protocols to be followed in the event of heat
43 and cold-related emergencies, provided such protocols are in
44 accordance with current professional standards.

45 (c) The emergency action plan shall be reviewed annually, and

46 should be rehearsed annually, by those persons described in
47 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section who are responsible for
48 implementing such plan. Such plan shall be updated as necessary.

49 (d) Any school employee, coach or licensed athletic trainer identified
50 in the emergency action plan pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection
51 (b) of this section shall be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and
52 have completed a course in first aid offered by the American Red Cross,
53 the American Heart Association, the Department of Public Health, any
54 director of health or an organization using guidelines for first aid
55 published by the American Heart Association and the American Red
56 Cross.

57 (e) Each local and regional board of education and supervisory agent
58 of a nonpublic school shall (1) distribute the emergency action plan to
59 all school employees, coaches and licensed athletic trainers identified in
60 the emergency action plan pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b)
61 of this section, (2) post such emergency action plan in all athletic
62 facilities and at all sites where interscholastic and intramural athletic
63 events will take place, and (3) make such emergency action plan
64 available on the Internet web site for the school district or school.

65 (f) In developing and implementing the emergency action plan, a
66 local or regional board of education or supervisory agent of a nonpublic
67 school may utilize existing and appropriate public or private materials,
68 models, personnel and other resources, and may accept gifts, grants and
69 donations, including in-kind donations, designated for the development
70 and implementation of the emergency action plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2021	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require public and nonpublic schools to develop and implement emergency action plans for responding to serious and life-threatening

sports-related injuries that occur during interscholastic and intramural athletic events.

[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.]