



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5240

LCO No. 1551



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF YOUTH AND INTRAMURAL AND INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study safety protocols in youth sports leagues and intramural and
3 interscholastic athletics. The task force shall study best practices for
4 injury prevention and analyze existing safety protocols across the state
5 to identify areas for improvement.

6 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

7 (1) Five appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing
8 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
9 relating to children, one of whom has expertise in sports medicine, one
10 of whom has expertise in neuroscience, one of whom has expertise in
11 sports psychology, one of whom is a representative of a municipal youth
12 sports league and one of whom is a representative of a municipal park
13 and recreation department;

14 (2) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's

15 designee;

16 (3) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;

17 (4) A representative of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic
18 Conference, who shall be designated by the executive director of said
19 conference;

20 (5) A representative of the Connecticut Athletic Trainers' Association,
21 who shall be designated by the president of said association;

22 (6) A representative of the Connecticut Association of Athletic
23 Directors, who shall be designated by the president of said association;
24 and

25 (7) A representative of the Connecticut High School Coaches
26 Association, who shall be designated by the president of said
27 association.

28 (c) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
29 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
30 be filled by the appointing authority.

31 (d) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
32 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children shall select
33 the chairperson of the task force from among the members of the task
34 force. Such chairperson shall schedule the first meeting of the task force,
35 which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of
36 this section.

37 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
38 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children
39 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

40 (f) Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report
41 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
42 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children,
43 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

44 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
45 January 1, 2023, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force to study safety protocols in youth sports leagues and intramural and interscholastic athletics.

[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.]