

Committee on Children JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6561

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

Vote Date: 2/28/2023

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Committee on Children.

COSPONSORS OF BILL:

Sen Saud Anwar, 3rd Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill establishes a task force to study injury prevention and safety protocols specially towards youth sports leagues and intramural and interscholastic athletics.

This bill establishes a task for to better understand the injuries and safety protocols of student sports. This task for will be made up of those with the knowledge and expertise to create reports that will help us in future understandings. These reports will give us more specific knowledge to better protect the children of our state.

The S language amends Sections 1 & 2 of the bill and replaces them with new sections regarding the time of effect of bill and the procedure of the establishment of the task force.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Connecticut Athletic Trainers' Association, Co-Chair, Affairs Committee, Perry M. Siegel, MS, ATC, CSCS, supports this bill and commends the committee's attention towards protecting

student athletes. They request further collaboration with this bill and others regarding youth and intramural and interscholastic athletes.

Connecticut Recreation & Parks Association, Executive Director, Valerie Stolfi Collins, supports this bill and thanks the representation it would gain from the establishment of a task force under the bill.

Connecticut Children's Medical Center,

- Division Head of Orthopedics, Mark. C Lee, MD
- Orthopedic Surgeon, Allison Crepeau, MD
- Orthopedic Surgeon, Matthew Brown, MD

Supports this bill and its intent to establish a task force to study injury prevention practices and safety protocols in youth sports. However, they do recommend those lines 19-21 be more specific and to require the sports medicine and neuroscience professionals included on the task force specifically have *pediatric* expertise.

Connecticut Chiropractic Association, President, Mat DiMond, would like to request that regarding the task force of the bill that a chiropractor Doctor be specifically mentioned. They add that they have deep knowledge of the issue and would have the expertise to assist with the taskforce.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Christian Talarski

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