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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Budget Subcommittee on Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations (Flores) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 55 - 110  
and insert:

3. Adopt bylaws or policies that:

a. Require a youth athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or competition to be immediately removed from the activity; and

b. Provide that a youth athlete who has been removed may not return to practice or competition until the youth receives written clearance to return from an appropriately licensed and trained physician who is qualified in the field of neurology.



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13 Section 2. Paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) are added to  
14 subsection (2) of section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, to read:

15 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

16 (2) ADOPTION OF BYLAWS.—

17 (e) The organization shall adopt guidelines to educate  
18 officials, administrators, coaches, and student athletes and  
19 their parents or guardians of the nature and risk of concussion  
20 and head injury.

21 (f) The organization shall adopt bylaws or policies that  
22 require the parent or guardian of a student who participates in  
23 interscholastic athletic competition or who is a candidate for  
24 an interscholastic athletic team, before the student  
25 participates in a competition, practice, or other activity, to  
26 annually sign and return a consent form that explains the nature  
27 and risk of concussion and head injury, including the risk of  
28 continuing to play after a concussion or head injury has  
29 occurred.

30 (g) The organization shall adopt bylaws or policies that:

31 1. Require a student athlete who is suspected of sustaining  
32 a concussion or head injury in a practice or competition to be  
33 immediately removed from the activity; and

34 2. Provide that a student athlete who has been removed may  
35 not return to practice or competition until the student receives  
36 written clearance to return from an appropriately licensed and  
37 trained physician who is qualified in the field of neurology.

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39 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

40 And the title is amended as follows:

41 Delete lines 12 - 34



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42 and insert:  
43 written clearance from an appropriately licensed and  
44 trained physician who is qualified in the field of  
45 neurology before the youth resumes athletic  
46 activities; amending s. 1006.20, F.S.; requiring the  
47 Florida High School Athletic Association to adopt  
48 policies to inform certain officials, coaches, and  
49 student athletes and their parents of the nature and  
50 risk of certain head injuries; requiring that a signed  
51 consent form be obtained before a student athlete  
52 participates in athletic practices or competitions;  
53 requiring that a student athlete be immediately  
54 removed from an athletic activity following a  
55 suspected head injury; requiring written clearance  
56 from an appropriately licensed and trained physician  
57 who is qualified in the field of neurology before the  
58 student resumes athletic activities; providing an  
59 effective date.