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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Flores moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 37 - 109

and insert:

Section 1. Paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) are added to subsection (2) of section 943.0438, Florida Statutes, to read:

943.0438 Athletic coaches for independent sanctioning authorities.-

(2) An independent sanctioning authority shall:

(e) Adopt guidelines to educate athletic coaches, officials, administrators, youth athletes, and their parents or guardians of the nature and risk of concussion and head injury.

(f) Adopt bylaws or policies that require the parent or



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14 guardian of a youth participating in athletic competition or who
15 is a candidate for an athletic team to sign and return an
16 informed consent that explains the nature and risk of concussion
17 and head injury, including the risk of continuing to play after
18 concussion or head injury, each year before participating in
19 athletic competition or engaging in any practice, tryout,
20 workout, or other physical activity associated with the
21 student's candidacy for an athletic team.

22 (g) Adopt bylaws or policies that require each youth
23 athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head
24 injury in a practice or competition to be removed from practice
25 or competition at that time. A youth athlete who has been
26 removed from practice or competition may not return to practice
27 or competition until the youth receives written clearance to
28 return from a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter
29 459 who is trained in the evaluation and management of
30 concussions. Prior to issuing a written clearance to play, a
31 physician may:

32 1. Delegate the performance of medical acts to a health
33 care provider licensed or certified under s. 458.347, s.
34 459.022, s. 464.012, or s. 468.707 with whom the physician
35 maintains a formal supervisory relationship or an established
36 written protocol that identifies the medical acts or evaluations
37 to be performed and conditions for their performance and that
38 attests to proficiency in the evaluation and management of
39 concussions.

40 2. Consult with, or utilize testing and evaluation of
41 cognitive functions performed by, a neuropsychologist licensed
42 under chapter 490.



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43 3. Consult with or utilize evaluations performed by a
44 chiropractic physician licensed under chapter 460.

45 Section 2. Paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) are added to
46 subsection (2) of section 1006.20, Florida Statutes, to read:
47 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

48 (2) ADOPTION OF BYLAWS.—

49 (e) The organization shall adopt guidelines to educate
50 athletic coaches, officials, administrators, student athletes,
51 and their parents of the nature and risk of concussion and head
52 injury.

53 (f) The organization shall adopt bylaws or policies that
54 require the parent of a student who is participating in
55 interscholastic athletic competition or who is a candidate for
56 an interscholastic athletic team to sign and return an informed
57 consent that explains the nature and risk of concussion and head
58 injury, including the risk of continuing to play after
59 concussion or head injury, each year before participating in
60 interscholastic athletic competition or engaging in any
61 practice, tryout, workout, or other physical activity associated
62 with the student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic
63 team.

64 (g) The organization shall adopt bylaws or policies that
65 require each student athlete who is suspected of sustaining a
66 concussion or head injury in a practice or competition to be
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89 And the title is amended as follows:

90 Delete lines 2 - 33

91 and insert:

92 An act relating to youth athletes; amending ss.
93 943.0438 and 1006.20, F.S.; requiring an independent
94 sanctioning authority for youth athletic teams and the
95 Florida High School Athletic Association to adopt
96 guidelines, bylaws, and policies relating to the
97 nature and risk of concussion and head injury in youth
98 athletes; requiring informed consent for participation
99 in practice or competition; requiring removal from
100 practice or competition under certain circumstances



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and written clearance to return; providing an
effective date.