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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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Senator Jones moved the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 54 - 98

and insert:

3. Adopt bylaws or policies that require youth athletes who are suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or competition to be immediately removed from the activity. A youth athlete who has been removed may not return to practice or competition until the youth receives written clearance to return from a physician who is licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery or the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, certified in Orthopaedic Sports Medicine by the



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14 American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation,
15 certified in Neuromuscular Medicine, Spinal Cord Injury
16 Medicine, or Sports Medicine by the American Board of Psychiatry
17 and Neurology, certified in Clinical Neurophysiology,
18 Neurodevelopmental Disabilities, or Neuromuscular Medicine, or a
19 physician licensed under chapter 460, certified by the Academy
20 of Chiropractic Orthopedists, the American Board of Chiropractic
21 Orthopedics, or the American Chiropractic Neurology Board, or
22 certified as a Chiropractic Sports Physician, stating that the
23 student athlete no longer exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors
24 consistent with a concussion or other head injury. Before
25 issuing a written clearance to return to practice or
26 competition, a physician may:

27 a. Delegate the performance of medical care to a health
28 care provider who is licensed or certified under s. 464.012, s.
29 458.347, s. 459.022, or s. 468.701, with whom the physician
30 maintains a formal supervisory relationship or established
31 written protocol that identifies the medical care or evaluations
32 to be performed, identifies conditions for performing medical
33 care or evaluations, and attests to proficiency in the
34 evaluation and management of concussions; and

35 b. Consult with or use testing and the evaluation of
36 cognitive functions performed by a neuropsychologist licensed
37 under chapter 490.

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

40 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

41 (2) ADOPTION OF BYLAWS.—

42 (e) The organization shall adopt guidelines to educate



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43 officials, administrators, coaches, and student athletes and
44 their parents or guardians of the nature and risk of concussion
45 and head injury.

46 (f) The organization shall adopt bylaws or policies that
47 require the parent or guardian of a student who participates in
48 interscholastic athletic competition or who is a candidate for
49 an interscholastic athletic team, before the student
50 participates in a competition, practice, or other activity, to
51 annually sign and return a consent form that explains the nature
52 and risk of concussion and head injury, including the risk of
53 continuing to play after a concussion or head injury has
54 occurred.

55 (g) The organization shall adopt bylaws or policies that
56 require student athletes who are suspected of sustaining a
57 concussion or head injury in a practice or competition to be
58 immediately removed from the activity. A student athlete who has
59 been removed may not return to practice or competition until the
60 student receives written clearance to return from a physician
61 who is licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, certified by
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