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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Jones moved the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (473428)

Delete lines 22 - 86

and insert:

(g) Adopt bylaws or policies that require student athletes who are suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or competition to be immediately removed from the activity. A student athlete who has been removed may not return to practice or competition until the student receives written clearance to return from a physician who is licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 460 which states that the student athlete no longer exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or other head injury. Before



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15 competition, a physician may:

16 1. Delegate the performance of medical acts to a health
17 care provider licensed or certified under s. 458.347, s.
18 459.022, s. 464.012, or s. 468.707 with whom the physician
19 maintains a formal supervisory relationship or an established
20 written protocol that identifies the medical acts or evaluations
21 to be performed and conditions for their performance and that
22 attests to proficiency in the evaluation and management of
23 concussions.

24 2. Consult with, or utilize testing and evaluation of
25 cognitive functions performed by, a neuropsychologist licensed
26 under chapter 490.

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

29 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

30 (2) ADOPTION OF BYLAWS.—

31 (e) The organization shall adopt guidelines to educate
32 athletic coaches, officials, administrators, student athletes,
33 and their parents of the nature and risk of concussion and head
34 injury.

35 (f) The organization shall adopt bylaws or policies that
36 require the parent of a student who is participating in
37 interscholastic athletic competition or who is a candidate for
38 an interscholastic athletic team to sign and return an informed
39 consent that explains the nature and risk of concussion and head
40 injury, including the risk of continuing to play after
41 concussion or head injury, each year before participating in
42 interscholastic athletic competition or engaging in any



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43 practice, tryout, workout, or other physical activity associated
44 with the student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic
45 team.

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