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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 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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14 issuing a written clearance to return to practice or
15 competition, a physician may:

16 a. Delegate the performance of medical care to a health
17 care provider who is licensed or certified under s. 464.012, s.
18 458.347, s. 459.022, or s. 468.701, with whom the physician
19 maintains a formal supervisory relationship or established
20 written protocol that identifies the medical care or evaluations
21 to be performed, identifies conditions for performing medical
22 care or evaluations, and attests to proficiency in the
23 evaluation and management of concussions; and

24 b. Consult with, or use testing and the 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 officials, administrators, coaches, and student athletes and
33 their parents or guardians of the nature and risk of concussion
34 and head injury.

35 (f) The organization shall adopt bylaws or policies that
36 require the parent or guardian of a student who participates in
37 interscholastic athletic competition or who is a candidate for
38 an interscholastic athletic team, before the student
39 participates in a competition, practice, or other activity, to
40 annually sign and return a consent form that explains the nature
41 and risk of concussion and head injury, including the risk of
42 continuing to play after a concussion or head injury has



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43 occurred.

44 (g) The organization shall adopt bylaws or policies that
45 require student athletes who are suspected of sustaining a
46 concussion or head injury in a practice or competition to be
47 immediately removed from the activity. A student athlete who has
48 been removed may not return to practice or competition until the
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51 which states that the student athlete no longer exhibits signs,
52 symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or other
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54 practice or competition, a physician may: