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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 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 by 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 1. Delegate the performance of medical acts to a health  
28 care provider licensed or certified under s. 458.347, s.  
29 459.022, s. 464.012, or s. 468.707 with whom the physician  
30 maintains a formal supervisory relationship or an established  
31 written protocol that identifies the medical acts or evaluations  
32 to be performed and conditions for their performance and that  
33 attests to proficiency in the evaluation and management of  
34 concussions.

35 2. Consult with, or utilize testing and 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 athletic coaches, officials, administrators, student athletes,  
44 and their parents of the nature and risk of concussion and head  
45 injury.

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

57 (g) The organization shall adopt bylaws or policies that  
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59 concussion or head injury in a practice or competition to be  
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