

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED  (Y/N)  
ADOPTED AS AMENDED  (Y/N)  
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION  (Y/N)  
FAILED TO ADOPT  (Y/N)  
WITHDRAWN  (Y/N)  
OTHER

---

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services  
2 Access Subcommittee  
3 Representative Renuart offered the following:  
4

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:  
7 Section 1. Paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) are added to subsection  
8 (2) of section 943.0438, Florida Statutes, to read:

9 943.0438 Athletic coaches for independent sanctioning  
10 authorities.—

11 (2) An independent sanctioning authority shall:

12 (e) Adopt guidelines to educate youth athlete and their  
13 parents, athletic coaches, officials, and administrators of the  
14 nature and risk of concussion and head injury.

15 (f) Adopt bylaws or policies that require the parent or  
16 guardian of a youth who is participating in athletic competition  
17 or who is a candidate for an athletic team to sign and return an  
18 informed consent that explains the nature and risk of concussion  
19 and head injury, including the risk of continuing to play after

Amendment No. 1

20 concussion or head injury, each year before participating in  
21 athletic competition or engaging in any practice, tryout,  
22 workout, or other physical activity associated with the youth's  
23 candidacy for an athletic team.

24 (g) Adopt bylaws or policies that require each youth  
25 athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head  
26 injury in a practice or competition to be immediately removed  
27 from the activity. A youth athlete who has been removed from an  
28 activity may not return to practice or competition until the  
29 youth submits to the athletic coach a written medical clearance  
30 to return stating that the youth athlete no longer exhibits  
31 signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or  
32 other head injury. Medical clearance must be authorized by the  
33 appropriate health care practitioner trained in the diagnosis,  
34 evaluation, and management of concussions as defined by the  
35 Sports Medicine Advisory Committee of the Florida High School  
36 Athletic Association.

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

39 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.—

40 (2) ADOPTION OF BYLAWS, POLICIES, OR GUIDELINES.—

41 (e) The organization shall adopt guidelines to educate  
42 youth athletes and their parents, athletic coaches, officials,  
43 and administrators of the nature and risk of concussion and head  
44 injury.

45 (f) The organization shall adopt bylaws or policies that  
46 require the parent of a student who is participating in  
47 interscholastic athletic competition or who is a candidate for

597333 - h291-strike.docx

Published On: 1/27/2012 5:49:52 PM

Amendment No. 1

48 an interscholastic athletic team to sign and return an informed  
49 consent that explains the nature and risk of concussion and head  
50 injury, including the risk of continuing to play after  
51 concussion or head injury, each year before participating in  
52 interscholastic athletic competition or engaging in any  
53 practice, tryout, workout, or other physical activity associated  
54 with the student's candidacy for an interscholastic athletic  
55 team.

56 (g) The organization shall adopt bylaws or policies that  
57 require each student athlete who is suspected of sustaining a  
58 concussion or head injury in a practice or competition to be  
59 immediately removed from the activity. A student athlete who has  
60 been removed from an activity may not return to practice or  
61 competition until the student submits to the school a written  
62 medical clearance to return stating that the student athlete no  
63 longer exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a  
64 concussion or other head injury. Medical clearance must be  
65 authorized by the appropriate practitioner trained in the  
66 diagnosis, evaluation, and management of concussions as defined  
67 by the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee of the Florida High  
68 School Athletic Association.

69 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

70 -----

71 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

72 Remove the entire title and insert:

73 A bill to be entitled

74 An act relating to youth athletes; amending ss.

75 943.0438 and 1006.20, F.S.; requiring an independent

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 291 (2012)

Amendment No. 1

76       sanctioning authority for youth athletic teams and the  
77       Florida High School Athletic Association to adopt  
78       guidelines, bylaws, and policies relating to the  
79       nature and risk of concussion and head injury in youth  
80       athletes; requiring informed consent for participation  
81       in practice or competition; requiring removal from  
82       practice or competition under certain circumstances  
83       and written medical clearance to return; providing an  
84       effective date.

85