



## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	HF 563 (previously HF 17)	House Committee:	<b>PASSED</b> 22-0 (3/2/2017)
Committee:	Education	House Floor:	
Floor Manager:	Rep. Jones	Senate Floor:	
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Staff:	Jason Chapman (1-3015)		

### Student Athlete Concussions Protocols

- The bill makes several requirements in statute for coaches, state high school athletic unions, and schools in the name of student athlete protection.
- Requires coaches to go through CPR training to obtain or maintain their coaching authorization.
- Requires the athletic unions to establish return-to-school and return-to-play protocols for post-concussion to be distributed to school districts.
- Requires schools to adopt those protocols, distribute concussion information to parents and obtain signatures from parents on the concussion information before students can participate.
- Requires that coaches or school administrators notify parents immediately or as soon as practical after a student shows signs or symptoms of a concussion during play.

### Section-by-Section Analysis

#### Division 1 – School Coaches – Emergency Medical Procedures Training

Section 1 – 272.31 – Board of Educational Examiners – Authorizations – Coaching

Amends minimum requirements to obtain a coaching authorization by adding training in CPR to the list.

Section 2 – 279.19B – School Board Powers and Duties – Coaching Endorsement and Authorization

Requires that someone employed by a district for coaching needs to have CPR training

Section 3 – Applicability – individuals who possess a teaching license and coaching authorization prior to July 1, 2017 have until July 1, 2018 to comply with the new requirements.

#### Division 2 – Concussions or Brain Injury Policies

Section 5 – 280.13C – Uniform School Requirements – Brain Injury Policies

Strikes existing language and replaces with the following:

Inserts legislative findings language that defines concussions, states the frequency, symptom severity, the danger of continuing to play after a concussion, and after care.

Encourages the boys and girls athletic unions to establish and disseminate return-to-school protocols and for schools to adopt the protocols.

Defines, among other things:

- collision sport – football, soccer, or wrestling
- contact sport – those defined by the American Academy of Pediatrics
- Licensed health care provider – physician, physician assistant, chiropractor, advanced registered nurse practitioner, nurse, physical therapist, or athletic trainer.

Requires the athletic unions to:

- Develop training materials and course on concussions that include evaluation, prevention, symptoms, risks, and long-term effects. Coaches and officials are required to complete this training at least every 2 years
- Distribute information to coaches, students, and parents on the risks, signs, symptoms, and behaviors consistent with concussions and their responsibility to report such information.
- Develop return-to-play protocols regarding a student’s return to participation after showing signs or symptoms of a concussion.

School districts are required to:

- Provide the athletic union supplied material regarding signs, symptoms, and risks of concussions to parents. The info must be signed and returned to the school prior to the student’s participation in any extracurricular activity for grades 7 to 12.
- Adopt the supplied return-to-play protocols developed by the athletic unions.
- Provide protective gear required for each activity. Additional gear not required is the responsibility of the student.

If a coach or contest official or licensed health care provider observes signs or symptoms of a concussion, they are to remove the student from participation.

If an athlete shows signs or symptoms of a concussion at a contest:

- If parents and school representatives are present at the contest, the coach, official, or licensed health care provider shall notify them
- If parents are not at the contest, the coach, school administrator, or licensed health care provider shall attempt to notify them at the time of the injury or at the earliest convenience following the conclusion of the contest within 1 hour of the end of the contest.

Contact information shall be in the possession of each coach or school representative.

Sections 5 and 6 – CPR training required for those already licensed and authorized needs to be completed by July 1, 2018. A state mandate may be required by this bill.

## **Amendment Analysis**

**H-1185 by Jones** – Removes language requiring the establishment of “baseline testing for student athletes” as it relates to return-to-school protocol. Also strikes language allowing a district to pay for student protective gear out of the general fund (similar language is moving in HF 564).