



WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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This letter is being sent to inform you about a new law recently enacted by the State of Maryland which requires that information concerning concussions and head injuries be provided to parents, guardians, and athletes on an annual basis. This law also requires that parents, guardians, and athletes sign a form acknowledging receipt of the information concerning concussions and head injuries. As a group which uses WCPS facilities for athletic programs, you must comply with the new law before permission to use the facilities can be granted.

Therefore, I am requesting that your organization take the following actions in order to comply with this new state law:

- Review the enclosed information that has been provided by the school system;
- Make certain that your coaches and other individuals who work with your athletes are aware of the requirements of this new state law;
- Provide each athlete and the athlete's parent or guardian with a copy of the enclosed information labeled "Information to be Distributed to Athletes and the Parents or Guardians of the Athlete;"
- Secure the signature of the athlete and the athlete's parent or guardian on the acknowledgment form and retain that executed document for your organization's file; and
- Request that the authorized representative of your organization sign the enclosed form, entitled "Statement of Intent," and mail it to Mr. Robert H. Rollins, III, Director of Facilities Planning and Development. A pre-addressed, stamped envelope has been provided for your use.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please, if you have any questions you may call (301-766-2982) or email me (rollirob@wcboe.k12.md.us).

Sincerely,

Robert H. Rollins, III
Director of Facilities Planning and Development

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Clayton Wilcox, Superintendent
Mr. Boyd Michael, Deputy Superintendent
Mrs. Donna Hanlin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, School Administration and Improvement
Mr. Eric Michael, Supervisor of Athletics, Health and Physical Education



Concussions and Head Injuries Statement of Intent

To be signed by organizations that utilize school facilities.

BACKGROUND

A new law was enacted which requires that information concerning concussions and head injuries be provided to parents, guardians, and athletes on an annual basis. This law also requires that parents, guardians, and athletes sign a form acknowledging receipt of the information concerning concussions and head injuries.

This new law also requires organizations, such as your organization, to execute a ***Statement of Intent*** that you will:

- Secure the signatures of parents, guardians, athletes, and coaches acknowledging that they have received information on concussions and head injuries and that your organization will retain written proof that parents, guardians, athletes, and coaches have received such information;
- Provide appropriate training to coaches and other individuals that assist athletes; and
- Immediately remove athletes from the field of play who show signs or symptoms indicating they may have suffered a concussion or head injury.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

An athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time. The athlete may not return to play until he/she is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and have received written clearance to return to play from that health care provider.

REQUIREMENTS

By signing this ***Statement of Intent*** you do hereby certify on behalf of your organization that your organization's leadership and management staff will:

- Provide awareness on the risks of concussions and head injuries to coaches, athletes, parents, and guardians;
- Become familiar with the requirements of this new law; and
- Comply with the requirements of this new law.

CONSEQUENCES

Your organization’s use of school facilities and the issuance of a use permit to your organization are specifically conditioned upon your compliance with this new law. Failure to fully comply with the requirements of this new law or with this **Statement of Intent** may, as determined by school officials, result in the immediate suspension or revocation of your permit to use school facilities for an extended time period.

ATTACHMENTS

The following information is being provided for your consideration:

- House Bill 858
- Senate Bill 771
- Center for Disease Control Athlete Fact Sheet*
- Center for Disease Control Parent Fact Sheet*
- Concussion Information Sheet*(includes an acknowledgment form for athletes, parents or guardians to sign)

Print Name of Organization

Print Your Name and Title

Signature of the Organization’s
Authorized Representative

Witness

Date

Date

Please sign this document and return it to Mr. Robert H. Rollins, III, Director of Facilities Planning and Development, Washington County Public Schools, 820 Commonwealth Avenue, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740, rollirob@wcboe.k12.md.us.

*This information may be provided to athletes, parents, guardians, and students.

Information to be Distributed to Athletes and the Parents or Guardians of the Athletes

- ❖ Concussion Information Sheet
- ❖ Center for Disease Control Heads-up Concussion—A Fact Sheet for Athletes
- ❖ Center for Disease Control Heads-Up Concussion—A Fact Sheet for Parents

Parent, Guardians and Athletes:
 Please read, sign, and return this form prior to the start of any practice or tryout.

Concussion Information Sheet

What is a concussion?

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

“A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury, or TBI, caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head that can change the way your brain normally works. Concussions can also occur from a blow to the body that causes the head to move rapidly back and forth. Even a “ding,” “getting your bell rung,” or what seems to be mild bump or blow to the head can be serious. Concussions can occur in any sport or recreation activity. So, all coaches, parents, and athletes need to learn concussion signs and symptoms and what to do if a concussion occurs.” Even though most concussions are mild, **all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly.** In other words, even a “ding” or a bump on the head can be serious. You can’t see a concussion and most sports concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. If your athlete reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, seek medical attention right away.

Symptoms Reported by Athlete	Signs Observed by Coaching Staff
• Headache or “pressure” in head	• Appears dazed or stunned
• Nausea or vomiting	• Is confused about assignment or position
• Balance problems or dizziness	• Forgets an instruction
• Double or blurry vision	• Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
• Sensitivity to light	• Moves clumsily
• Sensitivity to noise	• Answers questions slowly
• Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy	• Loses consciousness (<i>even briefly</i>)
• Concentration or memory problems	• Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes
• Confusion	• Can’t recall events <i>prior</i> to hit or fall
• Does not “feel right” or is “feeling down”	• Can’t recall events <i>after</i> hit or fall

What can happen if my child keeps playing with a concussion or returns too soon?

Athletes with the signs and symptoms of a concussion should be removed from play immediately. Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms leaves the athlete vulnerable to greater injury. There is an increased risk of significant damage from a concussion for a period of time after the concussion occurs, particularly if an athlete suffers another concussion before completely recovering from the first one. This can lead to prolonged recovery, or even severe brain swelling (second impact syndrome) with devastating and even fatal consequences. It is well known that young athletes often under report symptoms of injuries and concussions are no different. As a result, the education of coaches, parents, and athletes is the key for safety.

Concussion Information Sheet

What happens if you think your child has suffered a concussion?

Any athlete even suspected of suffering a concussion should be removed from play immediately. No athlete may return to activity after an apparent head injury or concussion, regardless how mild it seems or how quickly symptoms clear, without medical clearance. Close observation of the athlete should continue for several hours. Our organization requires the consistent and uniform implementation of well established return to play guidelines:

- A young athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time.
- The athlete not return to play until they are evaluated by an authorized health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and received written clearance to return to play from that health care provider.
- Parents and coaches should inform each other of if they think the athlete may have a concussion. Remember it is better to miss one game than to miss the whole season. When in doubt, sit them out.

What are the criteria for gradual return to play?

No symptoms at rest/no medication used to manage symptoms.

No return of symptoms with typical physical and cognitive activities of daily living.

Neurocognitive functioning at typical baseline.

Normal balance and coordination.

No other medical/neurological complaints/findings.

For current and up-to-date information on concussions you can go to:

<http://www.cdc.gov/Concussion>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Please detach this Acknowledgement Form and return it to _____.

Please retain the documents that have been provided for your future reference.

I hereby acknowledge that I received the Concussion Information Sheet and the Fact Sheet for Athletes and Parents. I certify that I understand the information that has been provided concerning the signs, symptoms, prevention and treatment of concussions and the seriousness of concussions.

Athlete Name

Athlete Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

HEADS+UP

CONCUSSION IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

A FACT SHEET FOR **ATHLETES**

What is a concussion?

A concussion is a brain injury that:

- Is caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body.
- Can change the way your brain normally works.
- Can occur during practices or games in any sport or recreational activity.
- Can happen even if you haven't been knocked out.
- Can be serious even if you've just been "dinged" or "had your bell rung."

All concussions are serious. A concussion can affect your ability to do schoolwork and other activities (such as playing video games, working on a computer, studying, driving, or exercising). Most people with a concussion get better, but it is important to give your brain time to heal.

What are the symptoms of a concussion?

You can't see a concussion, but you might notice **one or more** of the symptoms listed below or that you "don't feel right" soon after, a few days after, or even weeks after the injury.

- Headache or "pressure" in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double or blurry vision
- Bothered by light or noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Difficulty paying attention
- Memory problems
- Confusion

What should I do if I think I have a concussion?

- **Tell your coaches and your parents.** Never ignore a bump or blow to the head even if you feel fine. Also, tell your coach right away if you think you have a concussion or if one of your teammates might have a concussion.
- **Get a medical check-up.** A doctor or other health care professional can tell if you have a concussion and when it is OK to return to play.
- **Give yourself time to get better.** If you have a concussion, your brain needs time to heal. While your brain is still healing, you are much more likely to have another concussion. Repeat concussions can increase the time it takes for you to recover and may cause more damage to your brain. It is important to rest and not return to play until you get the OK from your health care professional that you are symptom-free.

How can I prevent a concussion?

Every sport is different, but there are steps you can take to protect yourself.

- Use the proper sports equipment, including personal protective equipment. In order for equipment to protect you, it must be:
 - The right equipment for the game, position, or activity
 - Worn correctly and the correct size and fit
 - Used every time you play or practice
- Follow your coach's rules for safety and the rules of the sport.
- Practice good sportsmanship at all times.

If you think you have a concussion:
Don't hide it. Report it. Take time to recover.

It's better to miss one game than the whole season.

For more information and to order additional materials **free-of-charge**, visit: www.cdc.gov/Concussion.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION



HEADS+UP

CONCUSSION IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

A FACT SHEET FOR **PARENTS**

What is a concussion?

A concussion is a brain injury. Concussions are caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body. Even a “ding,” “getting your bell rung,” or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious.

What are the signs and symptoms?

You can’t see a concussion. Signs and symptoms of concussion can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days after the injury. If your teen reports **one or more** symptoms of concussion listed below, or if you notice the symptoms yourself, keep your teen out of play and seek medical attention right away.

Signs Observed by Parents or Guardians	Symptoms Reported by Athlete
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appears dazed or stunned • Is confused about assignment or position • Forgets an instruction • Is unsure of game, score, or opponent • Moves clumsily • Answers questions slowly • Loses consciousness (<i>even briefly</i>) • Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes • Can’t recall events <i>prior</i> to hit or fall • Can’t recall events <i>after</i> hit or fall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headache or “pressure” in head • Nausea or vomiting • Balance problems or dizziness • Double or blurry vision • Sensitivity to light or noise • Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy • Concentration or memory problems • Confusion • Just not “feeling right” or is “feeling down”

How can you help your teen prevent a concussion?

Every sport is different, but there are steps your teens can take to protect themselves from concussion and other injuries.

- Make sure they wear the right protective equipment for their activity. It should fit properly, be well maintained, and be worn consistently and correctly.

- Ensure that they follow their coaches’ rules for safety and the rules of the sport.
- Encourage them to practice good sportsmanship at all times.

What should you do if you think your teen has a concussion?

- 1. Keep your teen out of play.** If your teen has a concussion, her/his brain needs time to heal. Don’t let your teen return to play the day of the injury and until a health care professional, experienced in evaluating for concussion, says your teen is symptom-free and it’s OK to return to play. A repeat concussion that occurs before the brain recovers from the first—usually within a short period of time (hours, days, or weeks)—can slow recovery or increase the likelihood of having long-term problems. In rare cases, repeat concussions can result in edema (brain swelling), permanent brain damage, and even death.
- 2. Seek medical attention right away.** A health care professional experienced in evaluating for concussion will be able to decide how serious the concussion is and when it is safe for your teen to return to sports.
- 3. Teach your teen that it’s not smart to play with a concussion.** Rest is key after a concussion. Sometimes athletes wrongly believe that it shows strength and courage to play injured. Discourage others from pressuring injured athletes to play. Don’t let your teen convince you that s/he’s “just fine.”
- 4. Tell all of your teen’s coaches and the student’s school nurse about ANY concussion.** Coaches, school nurses, and other school staff should know if your teen has ever had a concussion. Your teen may need to limit activities while s/he is recovering from a concussion. Things such as studying, driving, working on a computer, playing video games, or exercising may cause concussion symptoms to reappear or get worse. Talk to your health care professional, as well as your teen’s coaches, school nurse, and teachers. If needed, they can help adjust your teen’s school activities during her/his recovery.

If you think your teen has a concussion:

Don’t assess it yourself. Take him/her out of play. Seek the advice of a health care professional.

It’s better to miss one game than the whole season.

For more information and to order additional materials *free-of-charge*, visit: www.cdc.gov/Concussion.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION



SENATE BILL 771

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(1lr1815)

ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Ways and Means and Health and Government Operations* —

Introduced by **Senators Conway, Colburn, Currie, Ferguson, Forehand, Frosh, Kelley, Klausmeier, Madaleno, Manno, Mathias, McFadden, Middleton, Montgomery, Pinsky, Pugh, Ramirez, Raskin, Young, ~~and Zirkin~~ Zirkin, Benson, and Dyson**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

Proofreader.

Proofreader.

Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – ~~Student Athletes~~ Public Schools and Youth Sports Programs –**
3 **Concussions**

4 ~~FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration~~
5 ~~with certain organizations and individuals, to develop certain policies and~~
6 ~~implement a certain program; requiring a certain program to include a certain~~
7 ~~verification process; requiring county boards of education to provide a certain~~
8 ~~information sheet to certain individuals; requiring certain individuals to sign~~
9 ~~certain statements; requiring the Department to create a certain information~~
10 ~~sheet and acknowledgement statement; requiring the removal from play of~~
11 ~~certain student athletes; prohibiting the return to play of certain~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



~~student athletes until certain student athletes receive certain evaluation and clearance; requiring youth sports programs to provide certain information to county boards under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the development of policies and implementation of a program to provide awareness on the nature and risk of concussions.~~

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with certain entities, to develop certain policies and to implement a certain program to provide awareness to certain coaches, school personnel, students, and parents or guardians of students on the risk of concussions and head injuries; requiring a county board of education to provide certain information and a certain notice to a certain student and parent or guardian; requiring a student and parent or guardian to sign a certain statement; requiring the Department to create a certain information sheet and acknowledgment statement; authorizing the Department to use certain materials; requiring the removal from play of certain students or youth athletes under certain circumstances; prohibiting the return to play of certain students or youth athletes under certain circumstances until a certain condition is met; requiring a county board, or a third party, to provide certain information to certain individuals; requiring certain individuals to acknowledge receipt of a certain information sheet in a certain manner; requiring certain youth sports programs to provide certain statements of intent to comply to certain county boards of education or their agents; requiring a youth sports program to make certain information on concussions and head injuries available to certain coaches, youth athletes, and the parents or guardians of youth athletes; requiring a local government to provide a certain notice to a youth sports program under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the development of policies and the implementation of a program on concussions and head injuries.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–432

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 14–501 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5. Youth Sports Programs”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, A concussion is one of the most commonly reported injuries in children and adolescents who participate in sports and recreational activities; and

1 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that as
2 many as 3,900,000 sports-related and recreation-related concussions occur in the
3 United States each year; and

4 WHEREAS, A concussion is a type of brain injury that may range from mild to
5 severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works; and

6 WHEREAS, A concussion may occur in any organized or unorganized sport or
7 recreational activity and may result from a fall or from players colliding with each
8 other, the ground, or other obstacles; and

9 WHEREAS, A concussion may occur with or without loss of consciousness, but
10 the vast majority of concussions occur without loss of consciousness; and

11 WHEREAS, Continuing to play with a concussion or symptoms of head injury
12 leaves a young athlete especially vulnerable to greater injury and even death; now,
13 therefore,

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Education**

17 **7-432.**

18 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
19 MEANINGS INDICATED.

20 (2) “CONCUSSION” MEANS A TRAUMATIC INJURY TO THE BRAIN
21 CAUSING AN IMMEDIATE AND, USUALLY, SHORT-LIVED CHANGE IN MENTAL
22 STATUS OR AN ALTERATION OF NORMAL CONSCIOUSNESS RESULTING FROM:

23 (I) A FALL;

24 (II) A VIOLENT BLOW TO THE HEAD OR BODY; OR

25 (III) THE SHAKING OR SPINNING OF THE HEAD OR BODY.

26 ~~(3) “STUDENT ATHLETE” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS 17~~
27 ~~YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER OR WHO IS A PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY DISABLED~~
28 ~~INDIVIDUAL OF ANY AGE WHO PARTICIPATES IN AN ATHLETIC ACTIVITY IN~~
29 ~~ASSOCIATION WITH:~~

30 ~~(I) AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION; OR~~

1 ~~(H) A NONINTERSCHOLASTIC YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM~~
2 ~~CONDUCTED:~~

3 1. ~~AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY; OR~~

4 2. ~~BY A RECREATIONAL ATHLETIC ORGANIZATION.~~

5 ~~(H) (3)~~ (3) "YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM
6 ORGANIZED FOR RECREATIONAL ATHLETIC COMPETITION OR INSTRUCTION
7 FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO ~~ARE:~~

8 ~~(H) UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS; OR~~

9 ~~(H) PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY DISABLED REGARDLESS OF~~
10 ~~AGE. ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 19 YEARS.~~

11 (B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT, ~~IN COLLABORATION WITH THE~~
12 ~~DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, EACH COUNTY BOARD, THE~~
13 ~~MARYLAND PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, THE~~
14 ~~MARYLAND ATHLETIC TRAINERS ASSOCIATION, THE BRAIN INJURY~~
15 ~~ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LICENSED HEALTH~~
16 ~~CARE PROVIDERS WHO TREAT CONCUSSIONS,~~ SHALL DEVELOP POLICIES AND
17 IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE AWARENESS TO COACHES, SCHOOL
18 PERSONNEL, ~~STUDENT ATHLETES~~ STUDENTS, AND THE PARENTS OR
19 GUARDIANS OF ~~STUDENT ATHLETES~~ STUDENTS, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, EACH COUNTY BOARD, THE
21 MARYLAND PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, THE
22 MARYLAND ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION, THE BRAIN INJURY
23 ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LICENSED HEALTH
24 CARE PROVIDERS WHO TREAT CONCUSSIONS, ON:

25 (I) THE NATURE AND RISK OF A CONCUSSION AND HEAD
26 INJURY;

27 (II) THE CRITERIA FOR REMOVAL FROM AND RETURN TO
28 PLAY;

29 (III) THE RISKS OF NOT REPORTING INJURY AND
30 CONTINUING TO PLAY; AND

31 (IV) ~~THE~~ APPROPRIATE APPROPRIATE ACADEMIC
32 ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ~~STUDENT ATHLETES WHO ARE SUSPECTED OF~~
33 ~~SUSTAINING~~ STUDENTS DIAGNOSED AS HAVING SUSTAINED A CONCUSSION OR
34 OTHER HEAD INJURY.

1 (2) THE PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE A PROCESS TO VERIFY THAT A
2 COACH HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM DEVELOPED UNDER
3 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

4 (3) (I) ~~BEFORE A STUDENT-ATHLETE~~ STUDENT ENROLLED IN
5 A PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IN THE STATE MAY PARTICIPATE IN AN AUTHORIZED
6 INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITY, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL PROVIDE A
7 CONCUSSION AND HEAD INJURY INFORMATION SHEET TO THE
8 ~~STUDENT-ATHLETE~~ STUDENT AND A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE
9 ~~STUDENT-ATHLETE~~ STUDENT.

10 (II) ~~THE STUDENT-ATHLETE~~ STUDENT AND THE PARENT OR
11 GUARDIAN OF THE ~~STUDENT-ATHLETE~~ STUDENT SHALL SIGN A STATEMENT
12 ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE INFORMATION SHEET.

13 (III) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE THE INFORMATION
14 SHEET AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER THIS
15 PARAGRAPH.

16 (4) THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE MATERIALS AVAILABLE FROM
17 THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, THE BRAIN INJURY
18 ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND, OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ~~SOURCE TO~~
19 ~~FULFILL~~ ENTITY TO CARRY OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

20 (C) (1) A ~~STUDENT-ATHLETE~~ STUDENT WHO IS SUSPECTED OF
21 SUSTAINING A CONCUSSION OR ~~ANY~~ OTHER HEAD INJURY IN A PRACTICE OR
22 GAME SHALL BE REMOVED FROM PLAY AT THAT TIME.

23 (2) A ~~STUDENT-ATHLETE~~ STUDENT WHO HAS BEEN REMOVED
24 FROM PLAY MAY NOT RETURN TO PLAY UNTIL THE ~~STUDENT-ATHLETE~~ STUDENT
25 HAS OBTAINED WRITTEN CLEARANCE ~~BY~~ FROM A LICENSED HEALTH CARE
26 PROVIDER TRAINED IN THE EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT OF CONCUSSIONS
27 ~~AND HEAD INJURY.~~

28 (D) (1) BEFORE AN INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATES IN AN AUTHORIZED
29 ATHLETIC ACTIVITY ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL
30 PROVIDE, OR REQUIRE THAT A THIRD PARTY PROVIDE:

31 (I) INFORMATION ON CONCUSSIONS AND HEAD INJURIES
32 TO THE INDIVIDUAL AND, IF APPLICABLE, A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE
33 INDIVIDUAL; AND

1 (II) NOTICE THAT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE RECEIPT OF
 2 THE INFORMATION BY THE INDIVIDUAL AND, IF APPLICABLE, THE PARENT OR
 3 GUARDIAN OF THE INDIVIDUAL, IS REQUIRED.

4 (2) THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF
 5 THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE IN THE FORM OF:

6 (I) A SEPARATE INFORMATION SHEET; OR

7 (II) A NOTICE ON THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR A YOUTH
 8 SPORTS PROGRAM STATING THAT INFORMATION ON CONCUSSION AND HEAD
 9 INJURY IS AVAILABLE, INCLUDING DIRECTIONS ON HOW TO RECEIVE THE
 10 INFORMATION ELECTRONICALLY.

11 (3) THE INDIVIDUAL AND, IF APPLICABLE, THE PARENT OR
 12 GUARDIAN OF THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL:

13 (I) ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE INFORMATION ~~SHEET~~
 14 BY:

15 1. SIGNATURE;

16 2. CHECKING AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT BOX ON THE
 17 REGISTRATION FORM; OR

18 3. ANOTHER METHOD OF WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC
 19 ACKNOWLEDGMENT; AND

20 (II) RETURN THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO THE COUNTY
 21 BOARD OR THIRD PARTY.

22 ~~(D)~~ (E) BEFORE THE FIRST USE OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY, A A
 23 YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE THAT USES A PUBLIC SCHOOL
 24 FACILITY SHALL PROVIDE ANNUALLY TO THE COUNTY BOARD OR THE BOARD'S
 25 AGENT A STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE INTENT TO COMPLY FOR ALL OF ITS
 26 ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF A
 27 CONCUSSION OR OTHER HEAD INJURY OF A ~~STUDENT-ATHLETE~~ PARTICIPANT
 28 UNDER ~~SUBSECTION (C)~~ OF THIS SECTION.

29 Article - Health - General

30 SUBTITLE 5. YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS.

31 14-501.

1 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE**
2 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

3 **(2) “CONCUSSION” MEANS A TRAUMATIC INJURY TO THE BRAIN**
4 **CAUSING AN IMMEDIATE AND, USUALLY, SHORT-LIVED CHANGE IN MENTAL**
5 **STATUS OR AN ALTERATION OF NORMAL CONSCIOUSNESS RESULTING FROM:**

6 **(I) A FALL;**

7 **(II) A VIOLENT BLOW TO THE HEAD OR BODY; OR**

8 **(III) THE SHAKING OR SPINNING OF THE HEAD OR BODY.**

9 **(3) “YOUTH ATHLETE” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO**
10 **PARTICIPATES IN AN ATHLETIC ACTIVITY IN ASSOCIATION WITH A YOUTH**
11 **SPORTS PROGRAM CONDUCTED:**

12 **(I) AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY; OR**

13 **(II) BY A RECREATIONAL ATHLETIC ORGANIZATION.**

14 **(4) “YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM” MEANS A PROGRAM ORGANIZED**
15 **FOR RECREATIONAL ATHLETIC COMPETITION OR INSTRUCTION FOR**
16 **PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 19 YEARS.**

17 **(B) (1) A YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE**
18 **INFORMATION ON CONCUSSIONS AND HEAD INJURIES DEVELOPED BY THE**
19 **STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UNDER § 7-432 OF THE EDUCATION**
20 **ARTICLE TO COACHES, YOUTH ATHLETES, AND THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF**
21 **YOUTH ATHLETES.**

22 **(2) A COACH OF A YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM SHALL REVIEW THE**
23 **INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

24 **(C) (1) A YOUTH ATHLETE WHO IS SUSPECTED OF SUSTAINING A**
25 **CONCUSSION OR OTHER HEAD INJURY IN A PRACTICE OR GAME SHALL BE**
26 **REMOVED FROM PLAY AT THAT TIME.**

27 **(2) A YOUTH ATHLETE WHO HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM PLAY MAY**
28 **NOT RETURN TO PLAY UNTIL THE YOUTH ATHLETE HAS OBTAINED WRITTEN**
29 **CLEARANCE FROM A LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TRAINED IN THE**
30 **EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT OF CONCUSSIONS.**

1 **(D) BEFORE A YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM MAY USE A FACILITY OWNED**
 2 **OR OPERATED BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL**
 3 **PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF**
 4 **THIS SECTION.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 6 July 1, 2011.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

HOUSE BILL 858

F1, J1, F5

(1lr1586)

ENROLLED BILL

— *Ways and Means and Health and Government Operations/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* —

Introduced by **Delegates Hixson, Davis, Waldstreicher, Barkley, Cardin, Cullison, Feldman, Frush, Gaines, Gilchrist, Holmes, Jameson, A. Kelly, Kramer, A. Miller, Mizeur, Morhaim, Niemann, Reznik, S. Robinson, Rosenberg, Summers, V. Turner, ~~Waldstreicher~~, and ~~Walker~~ Walker, and Howard**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Proofreader.

Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – ~~Student Athletes~~ Public Schools and Youth Sports Programs –**
3 **Concussions**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration
5 with certain entities, to develop certain policies and to implement a certain
6 program to provide awareness to certain coaches, school personnel, ~~student~~
7 ~~athletes~~, students, and parents or guardians of ~~student-athletes~~ students on the
8 risk of concussions and head injuries; requiring a county board of education to
9 provide a certain information ~~sheet~~ *and a certain notice* to a certain student
10 ~~athlete~~ and parent or guardian; requiring a student ~~athlete~~ and parent or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 guardian to sign a certain statement; requiring the Department to create a
 2 certain information sheet and acknowledgment statement; authorizing the
 3 Department to use certain materials; requiring the removal from play of certain
 4 students or youth athletes under certain circumstances; prohibiting the return
 5 to play of certain students or youth athletes under certain circumstances until a
 6 certain condition is met; requiring a county board, or a third party, to provide
 7 certain information to certain individuals; requiring certain individuals to
 8 acknowledge receipt of a certain information sheet in a certain manner;
 9 requiring certain youth sports programs to provide certain statements of
 10 ~~compliance intent to comply to certain county boards of education; granting~~
 11 ~~certain immunity to volunteer health care providers under certain~~
 12 ~~circumstances;~~ education or their agents; requiring a youth sports program to
 13 make certain information on concussions and head injuries available to certain
 14 coaches, youth athletes, and the parents or guardians of youth athletes;
 15 requiring a local government to provide a certain notice to a youth sports
 16 program under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally
 17 relating to the development of policies and the implementation of a program on
 18 concussions and head injuries.

19 BY adding to

20 Article – Education

21 Section 7–432

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

24 BY adding to

25 Article – Health – General

26 Section 14–501 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5. Youth Sports
 27 Programs”

28 Annotated Code of Maryland

29 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

30 Preamble

31 WHEREAS, A concussion is one of the most commonly reported injuries in
 32 children and adolescents who participate in sports and recreational activities; and

33 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that as
 34 many as 3,900,000 sports–related and recreation–related concussions occur in the
 35 United States each year; and

36 WHEREAS, A concussion is a type of brain injury that may range from mild to
 37 severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works; and

38 WHEREAS, A concussion may occur in any organized or unorganized sport or
 39 recreational activity and may result from a fall or from players colliding with each
 40 other, the ground, or other obstacles; and

1 WHEREAS, A concussion may occur with or without loss of consciousness, but
2 the vast majority occurs without loss of consciousness; and

3 WHEREAS, Continuing to play with a concussion or symptoms of head injury
4 leaves a young athlete especially vulnerable to greater injury and even death; now,
5 therefore,

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
7 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

8 **Article – Education**

9 **7-432.**

10 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
11 MEANINGS INDICATED.

12 (2) “CONCUSSION” MEANS A TRAUMATIC INJURY TO THE BRAIN
13 CAUSING AN IMMEDIATE AND, USUALLY, SHORT-LIVED CHANGE IN MENTAL
14 STATUS OR AN ALTERATION OF NORMAL CONSCIOUSNESS RESULTING FROM:

15 (I) A FALL;

16 (II) A VIOLENT BLOW TO THE HEAD OR BODY; OR

17 (III) THE SHAKING OR SPINNING OF THE HEAD OR BODY.

18 (3) ~~“STUDENT ATHLETE” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS UNDER~~
19 ~~THE AGE OF 18 YEARS OR WHO IS A PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY DISABLED~~
20 ~~INDIVIDUAL OF ANY AGE WHO PARTICIPATES IN AN ATHLETIC ACTIVITY IN~~
21 ~~ASSOCIATION WITH:~~

22 (I) ~~AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION; OR~~

23 (II) ~~A NONINTERSCHOLASTIC YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM~~
24 ~~CONDUCTED:~~

25 1. ~~AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY; OR~~

26 2. ~~BY A RECREATIONAL ATHLETIC ORGANIZATION.~~

27 (4) ~~“VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER” MEANS A LICENSED~~
28 ~~HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHO EVALUATES A STUDENT ATHLETE UNDER~~

1 ~~SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION WITHOUT RECEIVING A FEE OR OTHER~~
 2 ~~COMPENSATION.~~

3 ~~(5)~~ (3) “YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM” MEANS A PROGRAM
 4 ORGANIZED FOR RECREATIONAL ATHLETIC COMPETITION OR INSTRUCTION
 5 FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO ~~ARE:~~

6 ~~(I) UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS; OR~~

7 ~~(II) PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY DISABLED REGARDLESS OF~~
 8 ~~AGE. ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 19 YEARS.~~

9 (B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP POLICIES AND
 10 IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE AWARENESS TO COACHES, SCHOOL
 11 PERSONNEL, ~~STUDENT ATHLETES~~ STUDENTS, AND THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS
 12 OF ~~STUDENT ATHLETES~~ STUDENTS, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
 13 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, EACH COUNTY BOARD, THE
 14 MARYLAND PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, THE
 15 MARYLAND ATHLETIC TRAINERS’ ASSOCIATION, THE BRAIN INJURY
 16 ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LICENSED HEALTH
 17 CARE PROVIDERS WHO TREAT CONCUSSIONS, ON:

18 (I) THE NATURE AND RISK OF A CONCUSSION OR HEAD
 19 INJURY;

20 (II) THE CRITERIA FOR REMOVAL FROM AND RETURN TO
 21 PLAY;

22 (III) THE RISKS OF NOT REPORTING INJURY AND
 23 CONTINUING TO PLAY; AND

24 (IV) APPROPRIATE ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS FOR
 25 ~~STUDENT ATHLETES WHO ARE SUSPECTED OF SUSTAINING~~ STUDENTS
 26 DIAGNOSED AS HAVING SUSTAINED A CONCUSSION OR HEAD INJURY.

27 (2) THE PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE A PROCESS TO VERIFY THAT A
 28 COACH HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM DEVELOPED UNDER
 29 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

30 (3) (I) BEFORE A STUDENT ~~ATHLETE’S PARTICIPATION~~
 31 ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IN THE STATE MAY PARTICIPATE IN AN
 32 AUTHORIZED INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITY, THE COUNTY BOARD
 33 SHALL PROVIDE A CONCUSSION AND HEAD INJURY INFORMATION SHEET TO THE
 34 STUDENT ~~ATHLETE~~ AND A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENT ~~ATHLETE~~.

1 (II) THE STUDENT ~~ATHLETE~~ AND THE PARENT OR
2 GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENT ~~ATHLETE~~ SHALL SIGN A STATEMENT
3 ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE INFORMATION SHEET.

4 (III) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE THE INFORMATION
5 SHEET AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER THIS
6 PARAGRAPH.

7 (4) THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE MATERIALS AVAILABLE FROM
8 THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, THE BRAIN INJURY
9 ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND, OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ENTITY TO CARRY
10 OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

11 (C) (1) A STUDENT ~~ATHLETE~~ WHO IS SUSPECTED OF SUSTAINING A
12 CONCUSSION OR OTHER HEAD INJURY IN A PRACTICE OR GAME SHALL BE
13 REMOVED FROM PLAY AT THAT TIME.

14 (2) A STUDENT ~~ATHLETE~~ WHO HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM PLAY
15 MAY NOT RETURN TO PLAY UNTIL THE STUDENT ~~ATHLETE~~ HAS OBTAINED
16 WRITTEN CLEARANCE FROM A LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TRAINED IN
17 THE EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT OF CONCUSSIONS.

18 (D) (1) BEFORE AN INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATES IN AN AUTHORIZED
19 ATHLETIC ACTIVITY ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, THE COUNTY BOARD SHALL
20 PROVIDE, OR REQUIRE THAT A THIRD PARTY PROVIDE:

21 (I) ~~INFORMATION~~ INFORMATION ON CONCUSSIONS AND
22 HEAD INJURIES TO THE INDIVIDUAL AND, IF APPLICABLE, A PARENT OR
23 GUARDIAN OF THE INDIVIDUAL; AND

24 (II) NOTICE THAT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE RECEIPT OF
25 THE INFORMATION BY THE INDIVIDUAL AND, IF APPLICABLE, THE PARENT OR
26 GUARDIAN OF THE INDIVIDUAL, IS REQUIRED.

27 (2) THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF
28 THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE IN THE FORM OF:

29 (I) A SEPARATE INFORMATION SHEET; OR

30 (II) A NOTICE ON THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR A YOUTH
31 SPORTS PROGRAM STATING THAT ~~A SEPARATE~~ INFORMATION ~~SHEET~~ ON
32 CONCUSSION AND HEAD INJURY IS AVAILABLE, INCLUDING DIRECTIONS ON
33 HOW TO RECEIVE THE INFORMATION ~~SHEET~~ ELECTRONICALLY.

1 **(3) THE INDIVIDUAL AND, IF APPLICABLE, THE PARENT OR**
 2 **GUARDIAN OF THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL:**

3 **(I) ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE INFORMATION ~~SHEET~~**
 4 **BY:**

- 5 **1. SIGNATURE;**
- 6 **2. CHECKING AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT BOX ON THE**
 7 **REGISTRATION FORM; OR**
- 8 **3. ANOTHER METHOD OF WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC**
 9 **ACKNOWLEDGMENT; AND**

10 **(II) RETURN THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO THE COUNTY**
 11 **BOARD OR THIRD PARTY.**

12 **~~(D)~~ (E) BEFORE THE FIRST USE OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY, A A**
 13 **YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE THAT USES A PUBLIC SCHOOL**
 14 **FACILITY SHALL PROVIDE ANNUALLY TO THE COUNTY BOARD OR THE BOARD'S**
 15 **AGENT A STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE INTENT TO COMPLY FOR ALL OF ITS**
 16 **ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF A**
 17 **CONCUSSION OR OTHER HEAD INJURY OF A STUDENT ATHLETE PARTICIPANT**
 18 **UNDER SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION.**

19 **~~(E) A VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHO AUTHORIZES A~~**
 20 **~~STUDENT ATHLETE TO RETURN TO PLAY UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS~~**
 21 **~~SECTION IS NOT LIABLE FOR CIVIL DAMAGES RESULTING FROM ANY ACT OR~~**
 22 **~~OMISSION IN THE RENDERING OF THE HEALTH CARE, OTHER THAN ACTS OR~~**
 23 **~~OMISSIONS CONSTITUTING GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL OR WANTON~~**
 24 **~~MISCONDUCT.~~**

25 **Article - Health - General**

26 **SUBTITLE 5. YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS.**

27 **14-501.**

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 29 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

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8 **PARTICIPATES IN AN ATHLETIC ACTIVITY IN ASSOCIATION WITH A YOUTH**
9 **SPORTS PROGRAM CONDUCTED:**

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12 **(4) “YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM” MEANS A PROGRAM ORGANIZED**
13 **FOR RECREATIONAL ATHLETIC COMPETITION OR INSTRUCTION FOR**
14 **PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 19 YEARS.**

15 **(B) (1) A YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE**
16 **INFORMATION ON CONCUSSIONS AND HEAD INJURIES DEVELOPED BY THE**
17 **STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UNDER § 7-432 OF THE EDUCATION**
18 **ARTICLE TO COACHES, YOUTH ATHLETES, AND THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF**
19 **YOUTH ATHLETES.**

20 **(2) A COACH OF A YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM SHALL REVIEW THE**
21 **INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

22 **(C) (1) A YOUTH ATHLETE WHO IS SUSPECTED OF SUSTAINING A**
23 **CONCUSSION OR OTHER HEAD INJURY IN A PRACTICE OR GAME SHALL BE**
24 **REMOVED FROM PLAY AT THAT TIME.**

25 **(2) A YOUTH ATHLETE WHO HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM PLAY MAY**
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28 **EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT OF CONCUSSIONS.**

29 **(D) BEFORE A YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM MAY USE A FACILITY OWNED**
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