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Winters of Williamstown, Yantachka of Charlotte and Zagar of  
Barnard

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health and welfare; education; sports; injury; concussion

1 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require the coach of a school  
2 athletic team to prohibit a youth athlete from continuing to participate in a  
3 training session or competition if the coach has reason to believe that the  
4 athlete has sustained a concussion or other head injury.

5 An act relating to student athletes with suspected head injuries

6 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

7 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 1431(d) is amended to read:

8 (d) Participation in athletic activity.

9 (1) A coach shall not permit a youth athlete to continue to participate in  
10 any training session or competition associated with a school athletic team if the  
11 coach has reason to believe that the athlete has sustained a concussion or other  
12 head injury during the training session or competition.

13 (2) A coach shall not permit a youth athlete who has been prohibited  
14 from training or competing pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection to  
15 train or compete with a school athletic team if the athlete has been removed or  
16 prohibited from participating in a training session or competition associated  
17 with the school athletic team due to symptoms of a concussion or other head  
18 injury until the athlete has been examined by and received written permission  
19 to participate in athletic activities from a health care provider licensed pursuant

1 to Title 26 and trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and  
2 other head injuries.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.