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Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health and welfare; education; sports; injury; concussion
Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require the coach of a school athletic team to prohibit a youth athlete from continuing to participate in a training session or competition if the coach has reason to believe that the athlete has sustained a concussion or other head injury.

An act relating to student athletes with suspected head injuries

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

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

(d) Participation in athletic activity.

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

(2) A coach shall not permit a youth athlete who has been prohibited from training or competing pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection to train or compete with a school athletic team if the athlete has been removed or prohibited from participating in a training session or competition associated with the school athletic team due to symptoms of a concussion or other head injury until the athlete has been examined by and received written permission to participate in athletic activities from a health care provider licensed pursuant
to Title 26 and trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and
other head injuries.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.