

AMENDMENTS TO LB 260

Introduced by Health and Human Services

1 1. Strike sections 4 and 5 and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 Sec. 4. (1) Each approved or accredited public, private,
4 denominational, or parochial school shall:

5 (a) Make available training approved by the Board of
6 Medicine and Surgery on how to recognize the symptoms of a
7 concussion or brain injury and how to seek proper medical treatment
8 for a concussion or brain injury to all coaches of school athletic
9 teams; and

10 (b) Require that concussion and brain injury information
11 be provided on an annual basis to students and the students'
12 parents or guardians prior to such students initiating practice or
13 competition. The information provided to students and the students'
14 parents or guardians shall include, but need not be limited to:

15 (i) The signs and symptoms of a concussion;

16 (ii) The risks posed by sustaining a concussion; and

17 (iii) The actions a student should take in response to
18 sustaining a concussion, including the notification of his or her
19 coaches.

20 (2) (a) A student who participates on a school athletic
21 team and is reasonably suspected after observation by a coach,
22 an athletic trainer, or a medical professional of sustaining a
23 concussion or brain injury in a practice or game shall be removed

1 from the practice or game at that time. Such student shall not
2 be permitted to participate in any school supervised team athletic
3 activities involving physical exertion, including, but not limited
4 to, practices or games, until the student has been evaluated
5 by a licensed health care professional and has received written
6 clearance to resume participation in athletic activities from the
7 licensed health care professional.

8 (b) If a student is reasonably suspected after
9 observation of sustaining a concussion or brain injury and is
10 removed from an athletic activity under subdivision (2)(a) of this
11 section, the parent or guardian of the student shall be notified by
12 the school of the date, time, and extent of the injury suffered by
13 the student and any actions taken to treat the student.

14 Sec. 5. (1) Any city, village, business, or nonprofit
15 organization that organizes an athletic activity in which the
16 athletes are nineteen years of age or younger and are required to
17 pay a fee to participate in the athletic activity or whose cost to
18 participate in the athletic activity is sponsored by a business or
19 nonprofit organization shall:

20 (a) Make available training approved by the Board of
21 Medicine and Surgery on how to recognize the symptoms of a
22 concussion or brain injury and how to seek proper medical treatment
23 for a concussion or brain injury to all coaches; and

24 (b) Provide information on concussions and brain injuries
25 to all coaches and athletes and to a parent or guardian of each
26 athlete that shall include, but need not be limited to:

27 (i) The signs and symptoms of a concussion;

1 (ii) The risks posed by sustaining a concussion; and
2 (iii) The actions an athlete should take in response to
3 sustaining a concussion, including the notification of his or her
4 coaches.

5 (2) (a) An athlete who participates in an athletic
6 activity under subsection (1) of this section and is reasonably
7 suspected after observation by a coach, an athletic trainer, or a
8 medical professional of sustaining a concussion or brain injury
9 in a practice or game shall be removed from the practice or game
10 at that time. Such athlete shall not be permitted to participate
11 in any supervised athletic activities involving physical exertion,
12 including, but not limited to, practices or games, until the
13 athlete has been evaluated by a licensed health care professional
14 and has received written clearance to resume participation in
15 athletic activities from the licensed health care professional.

16 (b) If an athlete is reasonably suspected after
17 observation of sustaining a concussion or brain injury and is
18 removed from an athletic activity under subdivision (2) (a) of this
19 section, the parent or guardian of the athlete shall be notified by
20 the coach or a representative of the city, village, business, or
21 nonprofit organization that organized the athletic activity of the
22 date, time, and extent of the injury suffered by the athlete and
23 any actions taken to treat the athlete.