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96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 167, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to student athlete brain injuries.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 167, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 167.765, to read as follows:

167.765. 1. The provisions of this section shall be known as the "Interscholastic Youth Sports Brain Injury Prevention Act". No later than December 31, 2011, the department of health and senior services shall work with a statewide association of school boards, a statewide activities association that provides oversight for athletic or activity eligibility for students and school districts, and an organization named by the department of health and senior services that specializes in support services, education, and advocacy of those with brain injuries to develop guidelines, pertinent information, and forms to educate coaches, youth athletes, and parents or guardians of youth athletes of the nature and risk of concussion and brain injury including continuing to play after concussion or brain injury.

2. On a yearly basis, each school district shall distribute a concussion and brain injury information sheet to each youth athlete participating in the district's athletic program. The information form shall be signed by the youth athlete's parent or guardian and submitted to the school district prior to the youth athlete's participation in any athletic practice or competition.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 **3. A youth athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or brain injury in a**
17 **practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time and for no less than**
18 **twenty-four hours.**

19 **4. A youth athlete who has been removed from play shall not return to competition**
20 **until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation**
21 **and management of concussions as defined in the guidelines developed under subsection**
22 **1 of this section and receives written clearance to return to competition from that health**
23 **care provider. The provider may be a volunteer. A volunteer who authorizes a youth**
24 **athlete to return to play is not liable for civil damages resulting from any act or omission**
25 **in the rendering of such care, other than acts or omissions constituting gross negligence or**
26 **willful or wanton misconduct.**

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