

HB 1644 -- INSURANCE PROGRAMS FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

SPONSOR: Windham

This bill requires public institutions of higher education to establish by July 1, 2021, a personal injury or accidental death insurance program for their athletes injured while participating in an official game or a practice. The insurance program must cover all reasonable and necessary hospital, medical, and surgical services for six years, up to \$1 million; certain monetary benefits to athletes who become disabled, as listed in the bill; and lump-sum benefits of at least \$100,000 upon death or dismemberment. The bill allows such insurance program to be coordinated with other valid insurance coverage or self-insurance by the institution.