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SYNOPSIS

Requires certain schools to establish emergency action plans for responding to serious or potentially life-threatening sports-related injuries.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning student sports injuries and supplementing
2 chapter 40 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. The board of education of a school district and the
8 governing body or chief school administrator of a nonpublic school
9 that includes any of the grades six through 12 shall establish and
10 implement an emergency action plan for responding to a serious or
11 potentially life-threatening sports-related injury. The plan shall
12 document the proper procedures to be followed when a student
13 sustains a serious injury while participating in sports or other
14 athletic activity. The plan shall be specific to the activity site, and
15 shall be developed in consultation with local emergency medical
16 services personnel.

17 b. The emergency action plan established pursuant to
18 subsection a. of this section shall include, but need not be limited
19 to, the following components:

20 (1) a list of the employees, team coaches, and licensed athletic
21 trainers in each school who are trained in first aid or cardio-
22 pulmonary resuscitation;

23 (2) identification of the employees, team coaches, or licensed
24 athletic trainers in each school who will be responsible for carrying
25 out the emergency action plan and a description of their respective
26 responsibilities;

27 (3) identification of the activity location or venue;

28 (4) identification of the equipment and supplies that may be
29 needed to respond to the emergency, including the location of each
30 item; and

31 (5) a description of the proper procedures to be followed after a
32 student sustains a serious sports-related injury including, but not
33 limited to, responding to the injured student, summoning emergency
34 medical care, assisting emergency responders in getting to the
35 injured student, and documenting the actions taken during the
36 emergency.

37 c. The emergency action plan shall be reviewed annually and
38 updated as necessary. The plan shall be rehearsed annually in each
39 school by the individuals who will be responsible for executing the
40 plan in an emergency.

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42 2. The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
43 Commissioner of Health, shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant
44 to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
45 1 et seq.), as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this
46 act.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
2 the first full school year following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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7 This bill requires that a public school district and a nonpublic
8 school that includes any of the grades six through 12 establish and
9 implement an emergency action plan for responding to a serious or
10 potentially life-threatening sports-related injury. The plan will
11 document the proper procedures to be followed when a student
12 sustains a serious injury while participating in sports or other
13 athletic activity. The plan will be specific to the activity site and is
14 required to be developed in consultation with local emergency
15 medical services personnel.

16 Under the bill, the emergency action plan established by a school
17 district or nonpublic school is required to include, but need not be
18 limited to, the following: (i) a list of the employees, team coaches,
19 and licensed athletic trainers in each school who are trained in first
20 aid or cardio-pulmonary resuscitation; (ii) identification of the
21 employees, team coaches, or licensed athletic trainers in each
22 school who will be responsible for carrying out the emergency
23 action plan, with a description of their respective responsibilities;
24 (iii) identification of the activity location or venue; (iv)
25 identification of the equipment and supplies that may be needed to
26 respond to the emergency, including their locations; and (v) a
27 description of the proper procedures to be followed after a student
28 sustains a serious sports-related injury including, but not limited to,
29 responding to the injured student, summoning emergency medical
30 care, assisting emergency responders in getting to the injured
31 student, and documenting the actions taken during the emergency.

32 The bill requires that the emergency action plan be reviewed
33 annually and updated as necessary. In addition, the plan must be
34 rehearsed annually in each school by the individuals who will be
35 responsible for executing the plan in an emergency.