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SYNOPSIS

Requires public school students with concussion to be evaluated by licensed health care professionals before return to school; requires school districts to provide restrictions or limitations to student as needed.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee with technical review.

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1 **AN ACT** concerning the health of students 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. A student enrolled in a school district who sustains a
8 concussion shall receive an evaluation by a licensed health care
9 professional and written clearance from the licensed health care
10 professional to return to school. In the event that the licensed
11 health care professional provides notice that the student requires
12 restrictions or limitations, the school district 504 team as defined in
13 N.J.A.C.6A:8-1.3 shall immediately implement the restrictions or
14 limitations and shall notify all teachers and staff who have contact
15 with students of the restrictions or limitations. The school district's
16 504 team shall promptly identify the manner in which the
17 restrictions or limitations will be provided to the student during
18 recovery and the need for the continuation or adjustment of the
19 restrictions or limitations, and to determine the duration of the
20 restrictions or limitations.

21 b. A student enrolled in a school district who sustains a
22 concussion is prohibited from engaging in any physical activity at
23 school including, but not limited to, recess or physical education,
24 and shall not participate in any physical activity at school until the
25 student is evaluated by a licensed health care professional and
26 receives written clearance from the licensed health care professional
27 to participate in physical activity.

28 c. As used in this section, "licensed health care professional"
29 means a health care provider whose scope of practice includes the
30 ability to diagnose and treat concussion.

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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately.