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SYNOPSIS

Allows other licensed healthcare providers trained in evaluation and management of concussions in addition to physicians to provide written clearance for student-athlete return to competition.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning student-athlete head injuries and amending
2 P.L.2010, c.94.

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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. Section 4 of P.L.2010, c.94 (C.18A:40-41.4) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 4. A student who participates in an interscholastic sports
10 program, intramural sports program, or cheerleading program and
11 who sustains or is suspected of having sustained a concussion or
12 other head injury while engaged in a competition or practice shall
13 be immediately removed from the competition or practice. A
14 student-athlete or cheerleader who is removed from competition or
15 practice shall not participate in further sports or cheerleading
16 activity until he is evaluated by a physician or other licensed
17 healthcare provider trained in the evaluation and management of
18 concussions, and receives written clearance from a physician or
19 other licensed healthcare provider **【**trained in the evaluation and
20 management of concussions**】** whose scope of practice includes the
21 ability to diagnose and treat a concussion to return to competition or
22 practice.

23 (cf: P.L.2017, c.105, s.2)

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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28 STATEMENT

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30 Under current law, the Department of Education was required to
31 develop and implement, by the 2011-2012 school year, a head
32 injury safety training program on the recognition of the symptoms
33 of head injuries and the appropriate amount of time to delay the
34 return to competition of a student who suffers a head injury. The
35 law provides that students who participate in interscholastic sports
36 programs, intramural sports programs, or cheerleading programs
37 who sustain or are suspected of having sustained a concussion or
38 other head injury while engaged in a sports competition or practice
39 must be immediately removed from the competition or practice.
40 The student may not return to competition or practice until he is
41 evaluated by a physician or other licensed healthcare provider
42 trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and
43 receives written clearance from such a physician.

44 This bill provides that, in addition to physicians, other licensed
45 healthcare providers whose scope of practice includes the ability to
46 diagnose and treat concussion may provide the written clearance for
47 the student's return to play.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】 in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.