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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The department of education, in consultation  
2 with the Hawaii Athletic Trainers Association and the Hawaii  
3 High School Athletic Association, shall adopt rules pursuant to  
4 chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, necessary to establish a  
5 program to educate coaches, youth athletes, and their parents or  
6 guardians of the nature and risk of concussions and head injury,  
7 including continuing to play after a concussion or head injury.

8           SECTION 2. The rules adopted pursuant to section 1 shall  
9 require, at a minimum, that:

- 10           (1) Coaches receive annual training to recognize the  
11                symptoms of a concussion or head injury and how to  
12                seek proper medical treatment for a person suspected  
13                of having a concussion or head injury;
- 14           (2) On a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury  
15                information sheet be signed and returned by members of  
16                a school athletic team and the member's parent or  
17                guardian prior to the member participating in practice  
18                or competition;



1 (3) A member of a school athletic team who is suspected of  
2 sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice  
3 or game be removed from competition immediately; and

4 (4) A member of a school athletic team who has been  
5 removed from play due to a blow to the head or head  
6 injury may not participate in an athletic event or  
7 training earlier than the day after the incident and  
8 only after the member:

9 (A) No longer exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors  
10 consistent with a concussion; and

11 (B) Receives a medical release from a health care  
12 professional.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
14 provided that the rules required by this Act shall be adopted no  
15 later than January 1, 2012.

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**Report Title:**

Youth Sports; Head Injuries

**Description:**

Requires the department of education to adopt rules to educate coaches, youth athletes, and their parents or guardians of the nature and risk of concussions and head injuries. Requires that coaches receive annual training to recognize symptoms of concussions and that youth athletes suspected of sustaining a concussion be kept from practice or competition until conditions are met.

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