
STATE CHIROPRACTIC BOARD

- Authorizes chiropractors to assess, and clear for return to play, youth athletes removed from play for exhibiting concussion and head injury symptoms.

Chiropractors authorized to assess and clear concussed athletes

(R.C. 3313.539 and 3707.511)

The bill authorizes chiropractors to assess (and clear for return to play) student and other youth athletes removed from play for exhibiting concussion and head injury symptoms. Current law imposes certain requirements on coaches, referees, and other officials involved in interscholastic or other youth athletics. They must (1) remove from practice or competition any athlete exhibiting signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with having sustained a concussion or head injury and (2) prohibit the athlete from returning on the same day. The athlete may not return to practice or competition until (1) either a physician (or other licensed health care provider authorized by the school district or youth sports organization) assesses the athlete and (2) the physician (or provider) provides written clearance for the athlete's return to play.

