



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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Approval of health care provider to assess and clear an athlete

Replaces the House-passed provision regarding approval of a health care provider to assess and clear an athlete for play or practice with one specifying that a school district board, other school governing authority, or youth sports organization may authorize a licensed health care provider who is not a physician to make an assessment or grant written clearance for an athlete only if the provider is acting in accordance with one of the following, as applicable to the provider's authority to practice in Ohio:

- (1) In consultation with a physician;
- (2) Pursuant to the referral of a physician;
- (3) In collaboration with a physician;
- (4) Under the supervision of a physician.

(The House-passed version replaced by the above provision would have established the following two methods for approval of a health care provider who is not a physician:

- (1) Presenting satisfactory evidence that concussion evaluation and treatment are included in the services authorized by the statutes, rules, or licensing agency governing the health profession that is practiced by the provider;
- (2) Presenting satisfactory evidence that the provider will act in consultation with or pursuant to the referral of a physician or, if required by state law, under the supervision of a physician.)

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.

Requirement to remove an athlete from practice for or competition in interscholastic athletics

Applies to referees (in addition to coaches as under the House-passed version) the requirement to remove a student athlete exhibiting signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with having sustained a concussion or head injury from a practice for or competition of interscholastic athletics and the prohibition on allowing the student to return to practice or competition until the bill's requirements are satisfied.

Training for referees of interscholastic athletics

Adds a training program authorized and required by an organization that regulates interscholastic conferences or events to the list of training options that may be used to satisfy the training that a referee must complete prior to being permitted to referee interscholastic athletics.

Schools subject to interscholastic conference rules

With respect to rules of an interscholastic conference or an organization that regulates interscholastic conferences or events, requires the rules to be *substantially similar to* the bill's provisions, rather than *equivalent to or more stringent than* those provisions (as in the House-passed version), for a school subject to those rules to be considered in compliance.

Pupil-activity program permit to coach interscholastic athletics

Adds a training program authorized and required by an organization that regulates interscholastic athletics to the list of training options that the holder of a pupil-activity program permit to coach interscholastic athletics must complete for renewal of the permit.

Department of Health – online training program

Requires the Department of Health to provide a link on its Internet web site to a program in recognizing *the symptoms of* concussions and head injuries, rather than a program in recognizing *and evaluating* concussions and head injuries (as in the House-passed version).