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3 By Representative Johnson (R)
4 RFD: Health
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1 a fall or from participants colliding with each other, the
2 ground, or with obstacles. Concussions occur with or without
3 loss of consciousness, but the vast majority occurs without
4 loss of consciousness.

5 (3) Continuing to play with a concussion or symptoms
6 of head injury leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable
7 to greater injury and even death.

8 (b) The Legislature recognizes that there exists
9 within the State of Alabama the need for guidelines and other
10 pertinent information to inform and educate health care
11 providers, school systems, coaches, youth athletes, and their
12 parents or guardians of the nature and risk of concussion and
13 brain injury, including continuing to play after a suspected
14 concussion or brain injury.

15 Section 2. (a) The governing body of each sport or
16 recreational organization shall develop guidelines and other
17 pertinent information and forms to inform and educate youth
18 athletes and their parents or guardians in their program of
19 the nature and risk of concussion and brain injury, including
20 continuing to play after a suspected concussion or brain
21 injury. On a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury
22 information sheet shall be signed and returned by the youth
23 athlete and the athlete's parent or guardian prior to the
24 youth athlete's initiating practice or competition.

25 (b) Each sports or recreational organization
26 governing body shall ensure that coaches receive annual

1 training to learn how to recognize the symptoms of a
2 concussion and how to seek proper medical treatment for a
3 person suspected of having a concussion.

4 (c) Each sports or recreational organization shall
5 establish by rule the requirements of the training which shall
6 be provided by using designated resources to the extent
7 practicable and timelines to ensure that, to the extent
8 practicable, every coach receives the training before the
9 beginning of practice for the school athletic team.

10 (d) A youth athlete who is suspected of sustaining a
11 concussion or brain injury in practice or game shall be
12 immediately removed from participation and may not return to
13 play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed physician
14 and receives written clearance to return to play from a
15 licensed physician.

16 Section 3. This act shall become effective
17 immediately following its passage and approval by the
18 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 94, Nays 0, Abstains 1

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