

Senate Bill 235

By: Senators James of the 35th, Orrock of the 36th, Rhett of the 33rd, Seay of the 34th, Jones of the 10th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions regarding elementary and secondary
3 education, so as to strongly encourage that youth athletes participating in gridiron football
4 be equipped with and wear a helmet which has at least a four-star rating on the Virginia Tech
5 Helmet Ratings scale at the time of its use; to provide for an exception; to provide for a short
6 title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Deantre Gregory Turman Act."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
12 relating to miscellaneous provisions regarding elementary and secondary education, is
13 amended in Code Section 20-2-324.1, relating to concussion management and return to play
14 policies for youth athletes, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

15 "(f) Local boards of education, nonpublic elementary and secondary schools, governing
16 bodies of charter schools, and public recreation facilities are strongly encouraged to
17 provide a helmet designed for gridiron football which has at least a four-star rating on the
18 Virginia Tech Helmet Ratings scale to youth athletes participating in gridiron football at
19 the time of such participation by such student. This subsection shall not be applicable to
20 any participation in gridiron football which is played as a noncontact activity."

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.