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H. R. 4371

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and in consultation with the Secretary of Education and the President's Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition, to conduct a study on the causes of deaths and catastrophic injuries related to high school and collegiate sports and formulate recommendations to prevent such deaths and catastrophic injuries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana (for himself and Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “School Sports Safety
5 Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) According to the National Center for Cata-
9 strophic Sports Injury Research, 2,958 high school
10 and collegiate players from all sports combined have
11 suffered direct traumatic injuries from 1982 to
12 2021.

13 (2) Over the past several years, the negative
14 health effects of repeated trauma have become clear-
15 er.

16 (3) Protecting the Nation’s children and young
17 adults is one of the most important responsibilities
18 of parents and elected leaders.

19 **SEC. 3. STUDYING DEATHS RELATED TO HIGH SCHOOL AND**
20 **COLLEGIATE SPORTS AND DEVELOPING REC-**
21 **COMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT FUTURE TRAG-**
22 **EDIES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
24 Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Sec-
25 retary”), acting through the Director of the Centers for

1 Disease Control and Prevention, and in consultation with
2 the Secretary of Education and the President’s Council
3 on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition, shall conduct a study—

4 (1) to more precisely identify the causes of
5 deaths and catastrophic injuries related to high
6 school and collegiate sports; and

7 (2) to develop recommendations to prevent such
8 deaths and catastrophic injuries in the future.

9 (b) SOLICITING INPUT.—In carrying out subsection
10 (a), the Secretary shall seek input from nongovernmental
11 entities, including organizations representing coaches, ath-
12 letic trainers, parents, and health care professionals.

13 (c) DISSEMINATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.—The
14 Secretary shall disseminate the final recommendations de-
15 veloped under subsection (a)(2) to high schools and insti-
16 tutions of higher education across the United States.

17 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
18 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
19 to the Congress and publish on the public website of the
20 Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality a report on
21 the results of the study under subsection (a).

22 (e) TOPICS OF STUDY.—The study under subsection
23 (a) shall include—

1 (1) a comprehensive review of research con-
2 ducted on deaths and catastrophic injuries in high
3 school and collegiate sports;

4 (2) an evaluation of—

5 (A) the causes of such deaths and cata-
6 strophic injuries; and

7 (B) the effectiveness of providing, and
8 training on the use of, automated external
9 defibrillators and cardiopulmonary resuscita-
10 tion; and

11 (3) the formulation of recommendations on ac-
12 tions that can be taken by schools, coaches, trainers,
13 and governmental entities to prevent deaths and cat-
14 astrophic injuries related to high school and colle-
15 giate sports, including—

16 (A) measures to prevent life-threatening
17 injury from occurring;

18 (B) medical treatment protocols to treat
19 these injuries when they occur; and

20 (C) ways in which technology and data
21 analytics can be used to prevent serious injury
22 and death.

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