

SENATE FILE NO. SF0050

Youth sports concussion management.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Nutting

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health and safety; providing for
 2 training of coaches and trainers of nonscholastic youth
 3 sports activities; providing for education of youth sports
 4 participants, parents and guardians regarding head injury
 5 and concussion resulting from athletic activities; granting
 6 rulemaking authority; and providing for an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-30-101 through 35-30-103 are
 11 created to read:

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ARTICLE 30

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YOUTH SPORTS ATHLETICS SAFETY

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16 **35-30-101. Youth sports athletics safety; short**
 17 **title.**

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2 This article shall be known and may be cited as the "Youth
3 Sports Athletics Safety Act."

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5 **35-30-102. Definitions.**

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7 (a) As used in this article:

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9 (i) "Athletic coach or trainer" means any paid
10 or volunteer individual whose responsibilities include
11 coaching, athletic training or advising an athletic team or
12 club outside school athletic events;

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14 (ii) "Athletic event or activity" means any
15 organized youth sports event or activity sponsored or
16 organized by a local government or a for-profit or
17 nonprofit nongovernmental organization. "Athletic event or
18 activity" does not include school athletic events;

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20 (iii) "Head injury" means a trauma that leads to
21 an injury to the scalp, skull or brain;

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23 (iv) "School athletic event" means athletic
24 activities sanctioned by the Wyoming high school activities

1 association and school sponsored athletic activities in
2 middle or junior high school which directly correspond to
3 those high school activities sanctioned by the Wyoming high
4 school activities association;

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6 (v) "Youth athlete" means an individual who is:

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8 (A) Eighteen (18) years of age or younger;

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11 (B) An active participant in an organized
12 athletic event or activity.

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14 **35-30-103. Safety of youth athletes; prohibition on**
15 **participation; training; rules; consent to participate.**

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17 (a) An athletic coach or trainer shall not allow a
18 youth athlete to participate in an athletic event on the
19 same day that the youth athlete meets one (1) or both of
20 the following criteria:

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22 (i) Exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors
23 consistent with a concussion or other head injury after a
24 coach or trainer, a parent or guardian or a youth athlete

1 reports, observes or suspects that the youth athlete
2 exhibiting these signs, symptoms or behaviors has sustained
3 a concussion or other head injury; or

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5 (ii) Has been diagnosed with a concussion or
6 other head injury.

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8 (b) An athletic coach or trainer may allow a youth
9 athlete who has been prohibited from participating in an
10 athletic event pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
11 to participate in an athletic event no sooner than the day
12 after the youth athlete has received a blow to the head and
13 only after the youth athlete:

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15 (i) No longer exhibits any sign, symptom or
16 behavior consistent with a concussion or other head injury;
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19 (ii) Receives a medical release from a licensed
20 health care professional.

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22 (c) Each organization sponsoring or conducting an
23 athletic event or activity shall ensure that each athletic
24 coach or trainer participating in athletic events or

1 activities receives training provided pursuant to
2 subsection (d) of this section.

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4 (d) The department of health shall promulgate rules
5 to establish:

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7 (i) Protocols and content consistent with
8 current medical knowledge and the guidelines of a
9 nationally recognized high school athletics organization
10 such as the national federation of high school associations
11 for training each athletic coach or trainer participating
12 in athletic events to:

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14 (A) Understand the nature and risk of
15 concussion and other head injuries associated with athletic
16 activity; and

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18 (B) Recognize signs, symptoms or behaviors
19 consistent with a concussion or other head injury when a
20 coach or trainer suspects or observes that a youth athlete
21 has received a blow to the head or body.

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23 (ii) The nature and content of concussion and
24 other head injury information forms and educational

1 materials for, and the means of providing these forms and
2 materials to, athletic coaches or trainers, youth athletes
3 and youth athletes' parents or guardians regarding the
4 nature and risk of concussion and other head injuries
5 resulting from athletic activity, including the risk of
6 continuing or returning to athletic activity after a
7 concussion or other head injury;

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9 (iii) Methods for verification of coach's
10 training.

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12 (e) Before January 1 of each year, an entity
13 sponsoring or organizing an athletic event or activity
14 shall provide a concussion and other head injury
15 information form created pursuant to subsection (d) of this
16 section to a youth athlete and the youth athlete's parent
17 or guardian. The entity shall receive signatures on the
18 concussion and other head injury information form from the
19 youth athlete's parent or guardian before permitting the
20 youth athlete to begin or continue participating in
21 athletic events for that calendar year.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2012.

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