



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 2060

PRINTER'S NO: 3926

PRIME SPONSOR: Briggs

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 2060 amends the Public School Code of 1949 by adding Article XVI-A.1 to provide for management of concussion and head injuries to students participating in athletic activities.

This act shall take effect 60 days after enactment of the bill.

ANALYSIS:

The bill requires the Department of Education (PDE) and the Department of Health (DOH) to develop guidelines and other relevant materials related to the nature and risk of head injuries. A school entity may also hold an informational meeting on these topics prior to the start of each athletic season. Students participating in an athletic activity, and the student's parent or guardian, must annually sign and return an acknowledgement of receipt and review of a head injury information sheet. Any student who exhibits signs or symptoms of a concussion or head injury while participating in an athletic activity is required to be removed from play. The student may not return to participation until he or she is cleared for return, in writing, by qualified personnel as defined in the bill. Finally, coaches are required to complete a concussion management certification training course once every three years. Any coach failing to comply is subject to penalties.

PDE and DOH do not anticipate any additional costs to comply with the requirements of this bill. Therefore, enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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