



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 2728

PRINTER'S NO: 4274

PRIME SPONSOR: Briggs

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

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 2728 creates a freestanding act to provide for management of concussion and head injuries for 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. These guidelines must also be posted on the respective department's website. A school entity may 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, as determined by a professional described in the bill, is required to be removed from play. The student may not return to participation until he or she is cleared, in writing, by a licensed or certified health care practitioner whose scope of practice includes the management and evaluation of concussions. 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 which shall take effect two years after the effective date of this legislation.

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

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