



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 200

PRINTERS NO. 1637

PRIME SPONSOR: Browne

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** A freestanding act that shall be known as the Safety in Youth Sports Act. It will take effect July 1, 2012 or immediately, whichever is later.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation requires the Department of Education (PDE) and the Department of Health (DOH) to develop and post on their websites guidelines and relevant materials to inform and educate students concerning head injuries. The Departments are to include information provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A student participating in interscholastic athletics and the student's parent or guardian must sign a form acknowledging they have received and reviewed these guidelines. School districts may hold an informational meeting on the topic prior to each athletic season. A student athlete who exhibits signs or symptoms of a concussion must be removed from play. The athlete may not return to play until he or she is cleared to do so, in writing, by an appropriate medical professional as defined in the legislation. The bill also requires coaches to annually complete a certified concussion management training course. Penalties are provided for violations of the Article.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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**DATE:** September 27, 2011

*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*