THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BRIGGS, CURRY, DeLUCA, DONATUCCI, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GROVE, HOUGHTON, KORTZ, MAHONEY, McGEEHAN, M. O'BRIEN, SWANGER AND YOUNGBLOOD, OCTOBER 26, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, OCTOBER 26, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2   act relating to the public school system, including certain
3   provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4   schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5   laws relating thereto," providing for management of
6   concussions and head injuries.

7   The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

8 hereby enacts as follows:

9   Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known

10 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a

11 section to read:

12   Section 1606-A. Management of Concussions and Head

13 Injuries.--(a) The association, in cooperation with the

14 Department of Health, shall develop guidelines and other

15 pertinent information and forms to inform and educate students

16 involved in interscholastic athletics, their parents and their

17 coaches about the nature and risk of concussion and head injury

18 including the risks associated with continuing to play after a

19 concussion or head injury.

1   (b) A student involved in interscholastic athletics and the

2 student's parent or guardian shall annually sign and return to

3 the student's school a concussion and head injury information

4 sheet prior to the student's participating in practice or

5 competition.

6   (c) A student who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or

7 head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from play at

8 that time. The student shall not return to play until the

9 student is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained

10 in the evaluation and management of concussion and receives

11 written clearance to return to play from that health care

12 provider.

13   Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.