

**HOUSE** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMENDMENT NO.** \_\_\_\_\_**Offered By**

AMEND House Committee Substitute No. 2 for House Bill No. 1543, Section 167.630, Page 20, Line 16 by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

“167.750. 1. The provisions of this section shall be known as the "High School Sports Brain Injury Prevention Act". The school board of each school district shall work in concert with the Missouri state high school activities association to develop guidelines and other pertinent information and forms to inform and educate coaches, health care volunteers, youth athletes, and the parents or guardians of youth athletes of the nature and risk of concussion and head injury including continuing to play after concussion or head injury. On a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury information sheet shall be signed and returned by the youth athlete, the athlete's parent or guardian, and the school's health care volunteer prior to the youth athlete's initiating practice or competition.

2. A youth athlete who is suspected for sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time and shall not return to play until the requirements of subsection 3 of this section are met.

3. A youth athlete who has been removed from play shall not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider within his or her scope of practice and receives written clearance to return to play from that health care provider. No youth athlete shall be allowed to return to play for at least twenty-four hours from the time of injury, and before returning to play it shall be shown that the youth athlete is symptom free both at rest and during exertion. The health care provider authorizing a youth athlete's return to play may be a volunteer. A volunteer health care provider may evaluate a youth athlete in the provider's usual business setting or elsewhere, but in order to qualify as a volunteer under this section, the provider must make it clear at the time of the evaluation that the evaluation is being conducted for no charge. A volunteer who authorizes a youth athlete to return to play is not liable for civil damages resulting from any act or omission in the rendering of such care, other than acts or omissions constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

4. The school board of each school district shall develop guidelines, structured to follow the guidelines described in this section, for youth athletes that participate in a school- sponsored elementary team.

5. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the guidelines established by the Missouri state high school activities association in concert with the local school districts under subsection 1 of this section shall be followed by city youth sport leagues located in each school district. All youth athletes participating in a city-sponsored recreation or competitive sports league, regardless of age, shall be subject to such head injury guidelines.”; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.