

HOUSE _____ AMENDMENT NO. ____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute #2 for House Bill No. 1543, Section 167.630, Page 20,
2 Line 16, by inserting immediately after said line the following:
3 _____ "167.750. 1. The provisions of this section shall be known as the "High School Sports
4 Brain Injury Prevention Act". The school board of each school district shall work in concert with
5 the Missouri state high school activities association to develop guidelines and other pertinent
6 information and forms to inform and educate coaches, health care volunteers, youth athletes, and
7 the parents or guardians of youth athletes of the nature and risk of concussion and head injury
8 including continuing to play after concussion or head injury. On a yearly basis, a concussion and
9 head injury information sheet shall be signed and returned by the youth athlete, the athlete's parent
10 or guardian, and the school's health care volunteer prior to the youth athlete's initiating practice or
11 competition.

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

15 _____ 3. A youth athlete who has been removed from play shall not return to play until the
16 athlete is evaluated by a physician, athletic trainer, or physician's assistant, licensed under chapter
17 334, or a chiropractor licensed under chapter 331, or an advanced practice registered nurse in
18 collaboration with a physician in accordance with chapter 335, and receives written clearance to
19 return to play from that health care provider. No youth athlete shall be allowed to return to play
20 for at least twenty-four hours from the time of injury, and before returning to play it shall be
21 shown that the youth athlete is symptom free both at rest and during exertion. The health care

1 provider authorizing a youth athlete's return to play may be a volunteer. A volunteer health care
2 provider may evaluate a youth athlete in the provider's usual business setting or elsewhere, but in
3 order to qualify as a volunteer under this section, the provider must make it clear at the time of the
4 evaluation that the evaluation is being conducted for no charge. A volunteer who authorizes a
5 youth athlete to return to play is not liable for civil damages resulting from any act or omission in
6 the rendering of such care, other than acts or omissions constituting gross negligence or willful or
7 wanton misconduct.

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

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

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17 Further amend said bill, Page 27, Section B, Line 2, by inserting after all of said line the following:

18 “Section C. Because immediate action is necessary to ensure public safety, the enactment
19 of section 167.750 of section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of
20 the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within
21 the meaning of the constitution, and the enactment of section 167.750 of section A of this act shall
22 be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.”; and

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