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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[Expands school district policy requirements for recognizing and responding to possible concussions.]

Imposes on nonschool athletic teams requirements for recognizing and responding to possible concussions.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to youth athletic team safety.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **“Coach” means a person who volunteers or is paid to instruct or train members of**
6 **an athletic team.**

7 (b) **“League governing body” means a governing body that:**

8 (A) **Oversees an association of nonschool athletic teams that provide instruction or**
9 **training for team members and that may compete with each other; and**

10 (B) **Is affiliated with, or otherwise sponsored or organized by, a nonprofit corporation**
11 **established as provided by ORS chapter 65.**

12 (c) **“Nonschool athletic team” means an athletic team that includes members who are**
13 **18 years of age or younger and that is not affiliated with a public school in this state.**

14 (d) **“Referee” means a person who volunteers or is paid to act as a referee, as an umpire**
15 **or in a similar supervisory position for events involving nonschool athletic teams.**

16 (2)(a) **Each league governing body shall ensure that coaches and referees receive annual**
17 **training to learn how to recognize the symptoms of a concussion and how to seek proper**
18 **medical treatment for a person suspected of having a concussion.**

19 (b) **Each league governing body shall adopt a policy that establishes:**

20 (A) **The requirements of the training described in paragraph (a) of this subsection; and**

21 (B) **Timelines that ensure that, to the extent practicable, every coach and referee re-**
22 **ceives the training described in paragraph (a) of this subsection before the beginning of the**
23 **season for the nonschool athletic team.**

24 (3)(a) **A coach or a referee may not allow a member of a nonschool athletic team to**
25 **participate in any athletic event or training on the same day that the member:**

26 (A) **Exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion following an ob-**

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1 served or suspected blow to the head or body; or

2 (B) Has been diagnosed with a concussion.

3 (b) A coach or referee may allow a member of a nonschool athletic team who is prohib-
4 ited from participating in an athletic event or training, as described in paragraph (a) of this
5 subsection, to participate in an athletic event or training no sooner than the day after the
6 member experienced a blow to the head or body and only after the member:

7 (A) No longer exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion; and

8 (B) Receives a medical release form from a health care professional.

9 (4) The league governing body shall develop and make available guidelines and other rel-
10 evant materials to inform and educate children desiring to be a member of a nonschool
11 athletic team, their parents and coaches and referees about the symptoms and warning signs
12 of a concussion.

13 (5) For each year of participation, and prior to a child participating as a member on a
14 nonschool athletic team, an acknowledgement of receipt and review of the materials devel-
15 oped as described in subsection (4) of this section must be provided by:

16 (a) The parent of the child; and

17 (b) If the child is 12 years of age or older, the child.

18 (6) A league governing body may hold an informational meeting prior to the start of the
19 season for each nonschool athletic team regarding the symptoms and warning signs of a
20 concussion.

21 (7) When filing a renewal application with the Secretary of State, the nonprofit corpo-
22 ration that is affiliated with, or otherwise sponsors or organizes, a league governing body
23 shall include an affidavit with the renewal application that verifies that the league governing
24 body is in compliance with the requirements of this section.

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