

House Bill 3076

Sponsored by Representative HACK

SUMMARY

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Requires members on school athletic teams to receive annual training to learn how to recognize symptoms of concussion and how to seek proper medical treatment.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to concussion training; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 336.485.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** ORS 336.485 is amended to read:

4 336.485. (1) As used in this section:

5 (a) "Coach" means a person who instructs or trains members on a school athletic team, as
6 identified by criteria established by the State Board of Education by rule.

7 (b) "Health care professional" means a medical doctor, osteopathic physician, psychologist,
8 physician assistant or nurse practitioner licensed or certified under the laws of this state.

9 (c) "**Student on a public school athletic team**" means a person who participates on a
10 public school athletic team, as identified by criteria established by the board by rule.

11 (2)(a) **Each school district shall ensure that each student on a public school athletic team
12 receives annual training to learn how to recognize the symptoms of a concussion and how
13 to seek proper medical treatment when the student or another person is suspected of having
14 a concussion.**

15 (b) **The board shall establish by rule:**

16 (A) **The requirements of the training described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, which
17 shall be provided by using free resources or community resources to the extent practicable;
18 and**

19 (B) **Timelines to ensure that, to the extent practicable, a student on a public school
20 athletic team receives the training described in paragraph (a) of this subsection before the
21 beginning of the season for the school athletic team. A student may not be required to re-
22 ceive training more than once during a school year.**

23 [(2)(a)] (3)(a) Each school district shall ensure that coaches receive annual training to learn how
24 to recognize the symptoms of a concussion and how to seek proper medical treatment for a person
25 suspected of having a concussion.

26 (b) The board shall establish by rule:

27 (A) The requirements of the training described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, which shall
28 be provided by using community resources to the extent practicable; and

29 (B) Timelines to ensure that, to the extent practicable, every coach receives the training de-
30 scribed in paragraph (a) of this subsection before the beginning of the season for the school athletic
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1 team.

2 [(3)] (4) Except as provided in subsection [(4)] (5) of this section:

3 (a) A coach may not allow a member of a school athletic team to participate in any athletic
4 event or training on the same day that the member:

5 (A) Exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion following an observed
6 or suspected blow to the head or body; or

7 (B) Has been diagnosed with a concussion.

8 (b) A coach may allow a member of a school athletic team who is prohibited from participating
9 in an athletic event or training, as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, to participate in
10 an athletic event or training no sooner than the day after the member experienced a blow to the
11 head or body and only after the member:

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

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

14 [(4)] (5) A coach may allow a member of a school athletic team to participate in any athletic
15 event or training at any time after an athletic trainer registered by the Board of Athletic Trainers
16 determines that the member has not suffered a concussion. The athletic trainer may, but is not
17 required to, consult with a health care professional in making the determination that the member
18 has not suffered a concussion.

19 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 336.485 by section 1 of this 2017 Act apply to stu-**
20 **dents on a public school athletic team for which the season begins on or after January 1,**
21 **2018.**

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