

1 **CONCUSSION AND HEAD INJURY AMENDMENTS**

2 2014 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Paul Ray**

5 Senate Sponsor: Allen M. Christensen

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill makes technical corrections to the Protection of Athletes with Head Injuries
10 Act.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ makes technical corrections to the Protection of Athletes with Head Injuries Act.

14 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

15 None

16 **Other Special Clauses:**

17 None

18 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

19 AMENDS:

20 **26-53-401**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 289

22 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

23 Section 1. Section **26-53-401** is amended to read:

24 **26-53-401. School nurses evaluating student injuries.**

25 (1) A school nurse may assess a child who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or a
26 traumatic head injury during school hours on school property regardless of whether the nurse
27 has received specialized training in the evaluation and management of a concussion.

28 (2) A school nurse who does not meet the requirements of Subsections
29 **26-53-301(1)(b)(i)** and **(1)(b)(ii)(A)**, but who assesses a child who is suspected of sustaining a

30 concussion or traumatic head injury under Subsection (1):

31 (a) shall refer the child to a qualified health care provider who is trained in the
32 evaluation and management of a concussion; and

33 (b) may not provide a written statement permitting the child to resume participation in
34 free play or physical education class under Subsection 26-53-301(1)(b)(ii).

35 (3) A school nurse shall undergo training[~~, described in Section 53A-6-112,~~] in the
36 evaluation and management of a concussion, as funding allows.