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General Description:

This bill modifies Title 26, Chapter 53, Protection of Athletes with Head Injuries Act and Title 53A, Chapter 6, Educator Licensing and Professional Practices Act, by clarifying the requirements of a school nurse engaged in treating a student who sustains a concussion or traumatic head injury.

TRAINING OF SCHOOL NURSES

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Paul Ray

Senate Sponsor: Allen M. Christensen

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- permits a school nurse to treat a child who sustains a concussion or traumatic head injury during school hours on school property;
- ▶ prohibits a school nurse from providing a written statement permitting a child to return to physical education class after sustaining a concussion or traumatic head injury unless the nurse has been trained in the evaluation and management of a head injury; and
- requires a school nurse to, as funding allows, undergo training in the evaluation and management of a concussion, unless the school where the nurse is employed has an athletic trainer or other qualified health care provider who is trained in the evaluation and management of a concussion.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None None

Other Special Clauses:



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29	Utah Code Sections Affected:
30	ENACTS:
31	26-53-401 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
32	53A-6-113 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
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34	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
35	Section 1. Section 26-53-401 is enacted to read:
36	26-53-401. School nurses evaluating student injuries.
37	(1) A school nurse may treat a child who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or a
38	traumatic head injury during school hours on school property regardless of whether the nurse
39	has received specialized training in the evaluation and management of a concussion.
40	(2) A school nurse who does not meet the requirements of Subsections
41	26-53-301(1)(b)(i) and (1)(b)(ii)(A), but who treats a child who is suspected of sustaining a
42	concussion or traumatic head injury under Subsection (1):
43	(a) shall refer the child to a qualified health provider who is trained in the evaluation
44	and management of a concussion; and
45	(b) may not provide a written statement permitting the child to resume participation in
46	physical education class under Subsection 26-53-301(1)(b)(ii).
47	(3) A school nurse shall undergo training, described in Section 53A-6-112, in the
48	evaluation and management of a concussion, as funding allows.
49	Section 2. Section 53A-6-113 is enacted to read:
50	53A-6-113. Training of school nurses to evaluate and manage a concussion.
51	(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), a school nurse shall, as funding allows:
52	(a) be trained in the evaluation and management of a concussion; and
53	(b) complete a continuing education course in the evaluation and management of a
54	concussion at least once every three years.
55	(2) A school nurse is excused from the requirements of Subsection (1) if the nurse
56	works at a school that has an athletic trainer or other qualified health provider on staff who
57	meets the requirements to be able to evaluate a child who sustains a concussion or traumatic
58	head injury described in Section 26-53-301.

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