1   **TRAINING OF SCHOOL NURSES**

2   2013 GENERAL SESSION

3   STATE OF UTAH

4   **Chief Sponsor: Paul Ray**

5   Senate Sponsor: Allen M. Christensen

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7   **LONG TITLE**

8   **General Description:**

9   This bill modifies Title 26, Chapter 53, Protection of Athletes with Head Injuries Act,

10 by clarifying the requirements of a school nurse engaged in treating a student who

11 sustains a concussion or traumatic head injury.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13   This bill:

14   ‣   permits a school nurse to assess a child who sustains a concussion or traumatic head

15 injury during school hours on school property; and

16   ‣   prohibits a school nurse from providing a written statement permitting the child to

17 return to free play or physical education class after sustaining a concussion or

18 traumatic head injury unless the nurse has been trained in the evaluation and

19 management of a head injury.

20 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

21   None

22 **Other Special Clauses:**

23   None

24 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

25 ENACTS:

26   **26-53-401**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

29   Section 1. Section **26-53-401** is enacted to read:

30   **26-53-401. School nurses evaluating student injuries.**

31   (1) A school nurse may assess a child who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or a

32   traumatic head injury during school hours on school property regardless of whether the nurse

33   has received specialized training in the evaluation and management of a concussion.

34   (2) A school nurse who does not meet the requirements of Subsections

35   26-53-301(1)(b)(i) and (1)(b)(ii)(A), but who assesses a child who is suspected of sustaining a

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

37   (a) shall refer the child to a qualified health care provider who is trained in the

38   evaluation and management of a concussion; and

39   (b) may not provide a written statement permitting the child to resume participation in

40   free play or physical education class under Subsection 26-53-301(1)(b)(ii).

41   (3) A school nurse shall undergo training, described in Section 53A-6-112, in the

42   evaluation and management of a concussion, as funding allows.