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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CONCUSSION EDUCATION FOR COACHES
OF YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 21a-432 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 (a) For purposes of this section:

4 (1) "Youth athletic activity" means an organized athletic activity
5 involving participants of not less than seven years of age and not more
6 than nineteen years of age, who (A) (i) engage in an organized athletic
7 game or competition against another team, club or entity or in practice
8 or preparation for an organized game or competition against another
9 team, club or entity, or (ii) attend an organized athletic camp or clinic
10 the purpose of which is to train, instruct or prepare such participants
11 to engage in an organized athletic game or competition, and (B) (i) pay
12 a fee to participate in such organized athletic game or competition or
13 attend such camp or clinic, or (ii) whose cost to participate in such
14 athletic game or competition or attend such camp or clinic is

15 sponsored by a municipality, business or nonprofit organization.
16 "Youth athletic activity" does not include any college or university
17 athletic activity, or an athletic activity that is incidental to a nonathletic
18 program or lesson; [and]

19 (2) "Operator" means any municipality, business or nonprofit
20 organization that conducts, coordinates, organizes or otherwise
21 oversees any youth athletic activity but shall not include any
22 municipality, business or nonprofit organization solely providing
23 access to, or use of, any field, court or other recreational area, whether
24 for compensation or not; [.] and

25 (3) "Youth coach" means any person who volunteers or is paid to act
26 as a head coach, manager or instructor, or an assistant coach, manager
27 or instructor of a youth athlete activity conducted on a field, court or
28 other recreational area owned, operated or managed by a municipality.

29 (b) Not later than January 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, each
30 operator of a youth athletic activity shall make available a written or
31 electronic statement regarding concussions to each youth athlete and a
32 parent or legal guardian of each youth athlete participating in the
33 youth athletic activity. Such written or electronic statement shall be
34 made available upon registration of each youth athlete and shall be
35 consistent with the most recent information provided by the National
36 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding concussions.
37 Such written or electronic statement shall include educational content
38 addressing, at a minimum: (1) The recognition of signs or symptoms of
39 a concussion, (2) the means of obtaining proper medical treatment for a
40 person suspected of sustaining a concussion, (3) the nature and risks of
41 concussions, including the danger of continuing to engage in youth
42 athletic activity after sustaining a concussion, and (4) the proper
43 procedures for allowing a youth athlete who has sustained a
44 concussion to return to athletic activity.

45 (c) Not later than January 1, 2020, each youth coach of a youth

46 athletic activity shall complete the Online Concussion Course for
47 Youth Sports Coaches available on the National Centers for Disease
48 Control and Prevention's Internet web site. Any youth coach that has
49 completed such course shall not be required to complete such course
50 again.

51 [(c)] (d) (1) No operator, or designee of such operator, shall be
52 subject to civil liability for failing to make available the written or
53 electronic statement regarding concussions pursuant to subsection (b)
54 of this section.

55 (2) No person, organization or entity, including, but not limited to, a
56 youth coach, municipality, business or nonprofit organization, shall be
57 subject to civil liability due to the failure of a youth coach to take the
58 Online Concussion Course for Youth Sports Coaches pursuant to
59 subsection (c) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	21a-432

Statement of Purpose:

To require youth coaches of youth athletic activities conducted on fields, courts and recreational areas owned, operated or managed by municipalities to take an online concussion course.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]