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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 167, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to student athlete brain injuries.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 167, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 167.750, to read as follows:

**167.750. 1. The provisions of this section shall be known and may
2 be cited as the "High School Sports Brain Injury Prevention Act". No
3 later than December 31, 2011, the school board of each school district
4 shall work in concert with the Brain Injury Association of Missouri and
5 the Missouri State High School Activities Association to develop
6 guidelines, pertinent information and forms to educate coaches, youth
7 athletes, and parents or guardians of youth athletes of the nature and
8 risk of concussion and brain injury including continuing to play after
9 concussion or brain injury.**

10 **2. On a yearly basis, a concussion and brain injury information
11 sheet shall be signed by the athlete's parent or guardian and submitted
12 prior to the youth athlete's initiating practice or competition.**

13 **3. A youth athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or
14 brain injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition
15 at that time for no less than twenty-four hours.**

16 **4. A youth athlete who has been removed from play shall not
17 return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a physician licensed
18 under chapter 334, trained in the evaluation and management of
19 concussion, as defined by the Brain Injury Association of Missouri and
20 the Missouri State High School Activities Association, in consultation
21 with the department of health and senior services, and receives written**

22 clearance to return to play from that health care provider. The health
23 care provider may be a volunteer. A volunteer who authorizes a youth
24 athlete to return to play is not liable for civil damages resulting from
25 any act or omission in the rendering of such care, other than acts or
26 omissions constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton
27 misconduct.

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