

AN ACT

relating to the membership of a public school concussion oversight team and the removal of a public school student from an interscholastic athletic activity on the basis of a suspected concussion.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 38.154, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) A school district or open-enrollment charter school may include any person licensed under Chapter 201 or 453, Occupations Code, as a member of the district or charter school concussion oversight team, provided that the person meets the training requirement under Subsection (c).

SECTION 2. Section 38.156, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 38.156. REMOVAL FROM PLAY IN PRACTICE OR COMPETITION FOLLOWING CONCUSSION. A student shall be removed from an interscholastic athletics practice or competition immediately if one of the following persons believes the student might have sustained a concussion during the practice or competition:

- (1) a coach;
- (2) a physician;
- (3) a licensed health care professional;
- (4) a person licensed under Chapter 201 or 453,

1 Occupations Code;

2 (5) a school nurse; or

3 (6) the student's parent or guardian or another person
4 with legal authority to make medical decisions for the student.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1002 was passed by the House on April 28, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 5, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1002 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor