

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current law, there are no provisions ensuring that students participating in sports are made aware of the risks of secondary head trauma. Traumatic brain injury is the leading cause of long-term disability among children and young adults. H.B. 1504 provides for notification to students and parents of students who participate in extracurricular sports activities by the health care professional examining the student to determine the student's physical fitness to participate, and requires the notification to contain certain content.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, by adding Section 33.087, as follows:

Sec. 33.087. NOTIFICATION BY CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS CONCERNING INJURIES RESULTING FROM HEAD TRAUMA. (a) Requires a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or chiropractor who examines a student to determine the student's physical fitness to participate in a sports activity sponsored or sanctioned by the University Interscholastic League to provide the student and the student's parent or guardian with written notification, in the form and with the specific content adopted jointly by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the Texas Department of Health (TDH), the Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council, and the University Interscholastic League (UIL), that explains the risk of secondary injury resulting from head trauma suffered during a sports activity; the types of secondary injury that may occur; and the symptoms of secondary injury.

(b) Requires a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or chiropractor who examines a student because the student has been injured in a sports activity sponsored or sanctioned by the UIL to provide the student and the student's parent or guardian with the written notification required under Subsection (a).

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.