

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1504
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Public Education
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND 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. C.S.H.B. 1504 will provide notification to students and parents of students who participate in extracurricular sports activities by the physician examining the student to determine the student's physical fitness to participate.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1504 amends the Education Code to require physicians, determining a student's physical fitness to participate in a sports activity, to provide the student and the student's parent or guardian written notification explaining the risks, types and symptoms of secondary injury. The bill requires physicians who examine an injured student to provide the student and the guardian with written notification.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2003.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

C.S.H.B. 1504 modifies the original by deleting "a school district" and "an open-enrollment charter school" from the description of sanctioned or sponsored sports activities.