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H.B. No. 1504

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to notification provided by certain health care  
3 professionals to students and parents or guardians of students who  
4 participate in extracurricular sports activities sponsored or  
5 sanctioned by the University Interscholastic League.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 33, Education Code, is  
8 amended by adding Section 33.087 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 33.087. NOTIFICATION BY CERTAIN HEALTH CARE  
10 PROFESSIONALS CONCERNING INJURIES RESULTING FROM HEAD TRAUMA. (a)  
11 A physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or  
12 chiropractor who examines a student to determine the student's  
13 physical fitness to participate in a sports activity sponsored or  
14 sanctioned by the University Interscholastic League shall provide  
15 the student and the student's parent or guardian with written  
16 notification, in the form and with the specific content adopted  
17 jointly by the agency, the Texas Department of Health, the Texas  
18 Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council, and the University  
19 Interscholastic League, that explains:

20 (1) the risk of secondary injury resulting from head  
21 trauma suffered during a sports activity;

22 (2) the types of secondary injury that may occur; and

23 (3) the symptoms of secondary injury.

24 (b) A physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner,

1 or chiropractor who examines a student because the student has been  
2 injured in a sports activity sponsored or sanctioned by the  
3 University Interscholastic League shall provide the student and the  
4 student's parent or guardian with the written notification required  
5 under Subsection (a).

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.