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H.B. No. 1504

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to notification provided by physicians to students and  
3 parents or guardians of students who participate in extracurricular  
4 sports activities sponsored or sanctioned by school districts,  
5 open-enrollment charter schools, or the University Interscholastic  
6 League.

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

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

10 Sec. 33.087. NOTIFICATION BY PHYSICIAN CONCERNING CERTAIN  
11 INJURIES. (a) A physician who examines a student to determine the  
12 student's physical fitness to participate in a sports activity  
13 sponsored or sanctioned by a school district, an open-enrollment  
14 charter school, or the University Interscholastic League shall  
15 provide the student and the student's parent or guardian with  
16 written notification, in the form and with the specific content  
17 adopted jointly by the agency, the Texas Department of Health, and  
18 the Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council, that explains:

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

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

22 (3) the symptoms of secondary injury.

23 (b) A physician who examines a student because the student  
24 has been injured in a sports activity sponsored or sanctioned by a

1 school district, an open-enrollment charter school, or the  
2 University Interscholastic League shall provide the student and the  
3 student's parent or guardian with the written notification required  
4 under Subsection (a).

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