

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1034
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Public Education
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under current law no provisions ensure that students participating in sports are made aware of the risks of secondary head trauma and traumatic brain injury is the leading cause of long-term disability among children and young adults. CSHB 1034 requires health care professionals to provide written notification to students and their parents as to the risk of head trauma resulting from a secondary impact.

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

CSHB 1034 requires a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, who is determining a student's physical fitness for participation 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 explaining the risk of head trauma resulting from a secondary impact suffered during a sports activity as well as the types and symptoms of head trauma from a secondary impact. This bill also requires the physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or athletic trainer examining the student at the time and place of injury to provide the student and the student's parent or guardian with written notification as set forth by this legislation.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Act applies beginning with the 2005 - 2006 school year.

This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

CSHB 1034 clarifies language as to what shall be provided for in the written notification to students and their parents in regards to head trauma resulting from a secondary impact. The substitute includes an athletic trainer in the list of individuals who is required to provide written notification upon examining an injured student in a sports activity.