

Amend **CSHB 887** (house committee report) by striking all below the enacting clause and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 38, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 38.161 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.161. SPORTS INJURY PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The agency shall establish a sports injury pilot program for students participating in a University Interscholastic League athletic program to evaluate concussion prevention methods used for full-contact athletic drills or live game simulations or athletic competitions in which there is full contact among students. The commissioner shall select the school districts to participate in the program.

(b) The program must include:

(1) a preseason physical examination of a student athlete performed by a physician or another appropriate licensed health care professional acting under physician delegation;

(2) preseason neurocognitive baseline testing of a student athlete;

(3) a return-to-play protocol as described by this subchapter;

(4) post-injury neurocognitive testing of a student athlete;

(5) access to a physician, or another appropriate licensed health care professional acting under physician delegation, trained in the diagnosis and management of a concussion; and

(6) an excess accident insurance policy that is designed to cover the expenses related to the identification and treatment of a concussion.

(c) Not later than December 31, 2014, the commissioner shall review the pilot program established under this section and submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the Legislative Budget Board a written report regarding the progress made under the pilot program in the identification and treatment of concussions.

(d) Using funds appropriated or available for the purpose, the agency may contract with a school of public health or medicine

in this state to scientifically evaluate the effectiveness of various methods of improving access to and quality of medical care for athletes who have sustained a concussion.

(e) This section expires September 1, 2017.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.