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H.B. No. 3884

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a pilot program for the identification and treatment of a concussion suffered by a student athlete.

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

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

SUBCHAPTER E. SPORTS INSURANCE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM

Sec. 38.201. SPORTS INSURANCE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) The Texas Education Agency shall establish a Sports Injury Pilot Program to administer a concussion-testing insurance program for students participating in University Interscholastic League programs. The commissioner shall select the school districts that would initially participate in the pilot program. Prior to December 31, 2014, the commissioner shall submit a report on the findings of the program to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor.

(b) The program shall include:

(1) return to play protocol inclusive of preseason neurocognitive baseline testing,

(2) post injury neurocognitive testing,

(3) access to a physician(s) trained in the diagnosis and management of a concussion, and

(4) an excess accident insurance policy that is designed to cover the expenses related to the diagnosis and

1 management of concussion

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