By:  Price H.B. No. 3128

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the return-to-play protocol for students removed from interscholastic athletic activity on the basis of a suspected concussion.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 38.157, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d)  Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a treating physician may delegate to an advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant, acting under the physician's supervision:

(1)  the evaluation of a student to be performed under Subsection (a)(1) using established medical protocols based on peer-reviewed scientific evidence; and

(2)  the completion of the written statement required under Subsection (a)(3) indicating that, in the evaluating professional's judgment, it is safe for the student to return to play.

SECTION 2.  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, 2019.