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H.B. No. 960

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the removal of a public school student from an  
3 interscholastic athletic activity on the basis of a suspected  
4 concussion.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 38.156, Education Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 38.156. REMOVAL FROM PLAY IN PRACTICE OR COMPETITION  
9 FOLLOWING CONCUSSION. A student shall be removed from an  
10 interscholastic athletics practice or competition immediately if  
11 one of the following persons believes the student might have  
12 sustained a concussion during the practice or competition:

- 13 (1) a coach;
- 14 (2) a physician;
- 15 (3) a licensed health care professional;
- 16 (4) a person licensed under Chapter 201, Occupations  
17 Code; ~~or~~
- 18 (5) a school nurse; or
- 19 (6) the student's parent or guardian or another person  
20 with legal authority to make medical decisions for the student.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.