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H.B. No. 961

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 961:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the membership and training course requirements of  
3 school district and open-enrollment charter school concussion  
4 oversight teams.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 38.154, Education Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

8 (b-1) If a school district or open-enrollment charter  
9 school employs a school nurse, the school nurse may be a member of  
10 the district or charter school concussion oversight team if  
11 requested by the school nurse.

12 SECTION 2. Sections 38.158(c), (e), and (g), Education  
13 Code, are amended to read as follows:

14 (c) The following persons must take a training course in  
15 accordance with Subsection (e) from an authorized training provider  
16 at least once every two years:

17 (1) a coach of an interscholastic athletic activity;  
18 (2) a school nurse who serves as a member of a  
19 concussion oversight team;

20 (3) a licensed health care professional who serves as  
21 a member of a concussion oversight team and is an employee,  
22 representative, or agent of a school district or open-enrollment  
23 charter school; and

24 (4) [~~3~~] a licensed health care professional who

1 serves on a volunteer basis as a member of a concussion oversight  
2 team for a school district or open-enrollment charter school.

3 (e) For purposes of Subsection (c):

4 (1) a coach must take a course described by Subsection  
5 (a);

6 (2) an athletic trainer must take:

7 (A) a course described by Subsection (b); or

8 (B) a course concerning the subject matter of  
9 concussions that has been approved for continuing education credit  
10 by the appropriate licensing authority for the profession; and

11 (3) a school nurse or licensed health care  
12 professional, other than an athletic trainer, must take:

13 (A) a course described by Subsection (a) or (b);

14 or

15 (B) a course concerning the subject matter of  
16 concussions that has been approved for continuing education credit  
17 by the appropriate licensing authority for the profession.

18 (g) A school nurse or licensed health care professional who  
19 is not in compliance with the training requirements under this  
20 section may not serve on a concussion oversight team in any  
21 capacity.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.