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HOUSE BILL ***1113***

AN ACT requiring school districts to distribute a concussion and head injury information sheet to student-athletes and establishing a definition for head injury.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ladd, Graf 4; Rep. Harris, Rock 9; Rep. Grenier, Sull 7; Rep. Myler, Merr 10; Rep. Frazer, Merr 13; Rep. Grassie, Straf 11

COMMITTEE: Education

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires school districts to distribute a concussion and head injury information sheet to student-athletes. The bill also inserts a definition of head injury.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 42:1 Head Injury Policies for Student Sports. Amend RSA 200:49 to read as follows:

2 200:49 Head Injury Policies for Student Sports. Education is the key to identification and
3 appropriate management of all concussions. The school board of each school district [~~is encouraged~~
4 ~~to~~] **shall** develop guidelines and other pertinent information and forms for student sports to inform
5 and educate coaches, student-athletes, and student-athletes' parents or guardians of the nature and
6 risk of concussion and head injury including continuing to play after concussion or head injury. On
7 an annual basis, a school district or school [~~is encouraged to~~] **shall** distribute a concussion and head
8 injury information sheet to all student-athletes. ***The Brain Injury Association of***
9 ***New Hampshire is available to educate and assist the public with implementing and/or***
10 ***updating concussion management protocols.***

11 42:2 New Paragraph; Head Injury Policies for Student Sports; Definitions. Amend RSA 200:52
12 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

13 V. "Head injury" means injuries to the scalp, skull, or brain caused by trauma, and shall
14 include a concussion which is the most common type of sports-related brain injury.

15 42:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

16 Approved: May 27, 2014

17 Effective Date: July 26, 2014