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New law will make NH student-athletes safer

CONCORD, NH – A Senate bill recently signed into law updating emergency plans for sports injuries will make New Hampshire student-athletes safer. Senator Bill Gannon (R-Sandown) sponsored the legislation (SB148) and issued the following statement today:

“As a father of four student-athletes, I’m pleased that we have updated New Hampshire law regarding the care athletes should receive if they suffer an injury. This new law requires schools to have emergency action plans in place to improve response time and quality of care. No parent should ever have to hear that their child’s injury would not have been as serious if their child’s school had a better response plan in place.”

“Besides requiring emergency action plans, the new law enacts several other vital health and safety components: It outlines access to defibrillators, includes heat stroke policies and the rules under which an athlete is cleared to return to play. These plans must be posted at schools and coordinated with local police and first responders. All of these are established best practices supported by leading sport health and safety organizations. Our local school districts now have clearer rules to follow when they adopt policies for the purposes of providing immediate and adequate emergency care for student-athletes in grades 4-12. The law goes into effect in September of 2022.”

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