

**House File 474 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing a municipal youth sports injury prevention  
2 study and report.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. MUNICIPAL YOUTH SPORTS INJURY PREVENTION STUDY  
2 AND REPORT.

3 1. A municipal youth sports injury prevention study is  
4 established to make recommendations regarding how cities can  
5 most effectively prevent concussions and other sports-related  
6 injuries in children participating in municipal youth  
7 sports programs. The national center for sports safety is  
8 requested to administer the study in coordination with the  
9 department of public health and interested parties representing  
10 cities, municipal youth sports programs, parents, coaches,  
11 trainers, and other stakeholders. The study shall include  
12 recommendations for safety equipment for participants and  
13 training for employees and volunteers to be required by cities  
14 as part of municipal youth sports programs.

15 2. The national center for sports safety is requested to  
16 submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the  
17 general assembly by January 10, 2014.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill establishes a municipal youth sports injury  
20 prevention study to make recommendations regarding how cities  
21 can most effectively prevent sports-related injuries in  
22 children participating in municipal youth sports programs. The  
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25 health and other interested parties. The study must include  
26 recommendations for safety equipment for participants and  
27 training for employees and volunteers to be required by  
28 cities as part of municipal youth sports programs. The  
29 center is requested to submit a report on its findings and  
30 recommendations to the general assembly by January 10, 2014.