

House File 69 - Introduced

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(COMPANION TO 1621SS BY BOWMAN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the protection of students from concussions
2 and other brain injuries.

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

1 Section 1. Section 280.13C, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
2 2013, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. Annually, each school district and nonpublic school shall
4 provide to the parent or guardian of each student a concussion
5 and brain injury information sheet, as provided by the Iowa
6 high school athletic association and the Iowa girls high
7 school athletic union. The student and the student's parent
8 or guardian shall sign and return the concussion and brain
9 injury information sheet to the student's school prior to the
10 student's participation in any extracurricular interscholastic
11 activity for grades ~~seven~~ six through twelve.

12 Sec. 2. Section 280.13C, subsection 1, Code 2013, is amended
13 by adding the following new paragraph:

14 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. Annually, each school district and
15 nonpublic school shall ensure that each coach has completed a
16 basic course in the signs, symptoms, and behaviors consistent
17 with concussions and other brain injuries as well as basic
18 response protocols for concussions and other brain injuries.
19 The basic course shall use materials available through a
20 nationally recognized education program such as free online
21 training offered for this purpose through the centers for
22 disease control and prevention of the United States department
23 of health and human services or similar training. Each school
24 district and nonpublic school shall document compliance with
25 this paragraph.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill requires each school district and nonpublic
28 school to annually ensure that each coach has completed a
29 basic course in the signs, symptoms, and behaviors consistent
30 with concussions and other brain injuries as well as basic
31 response protocols for concussions and other brain injuries.
32 The bill provides that the basic course shall use materials
33 available through a nationally recognized education program
34 such as free online training offered for such purpose through
35 the centers for disease control and prevention of the United

1 States department of health and human services or similar
2 training. The bill requires each district and nonpublic school
3 to document compliance with the bill.

4 The bill also provides that an existing requirement that
5 a student and the student's parent or guardian sign and
6 return a concussion and brain injury information sheet to the
7 student's school prior to the student's participation in any
8 extracurricular interscholastic activity for grades 7-12 also
9 applies to grade six.