

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 SENATE BILL NO. 1700

By: Anderson, Garrison and Gumm
of the Senate

6 and

7 Cox of the House

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10 An Act relating to schools; directing school district
11 boards in cooperation with certain association to
12 develop guidelines related to certain sports-related
13 injuries; requiring annual completion of certain
14 information sheet; requiring removal from
15 participation of youth athletes suspected of
16 sustaining certain injuries; prohibiting
17 participation until clearance from certain health
18 care provider; specifying certain immunity from
19 liability; providing for codification; providing an
20 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-155 of Title 70, unless there
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Each school district board of education shall work in
cooperation with the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities
Association to develop the guidelines and other pertinent

1 information and forms to inform and educate coaches, youth athletes,
2 and their parents or guardians of the nature and risk of concussion
3 and head injury, including continuing to play after concussion or
4 head injury. On an annual basis, a concussion and head injury
5 information sheet shall be completed and returned to the school
6 district by the youth athlete and the athlete's parent or guardian
7 prior to the youth athlete's participation in practice or
8 competition.

9 B. A youth athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion
10 or head injury during a practice or game shall be removed from
11 participation at that time.

12 C. A youth athlete who has been removed from participation as
13 provided in subsection B of this section may not participate until
14 the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained
15 in the evaluation and management of concussion and receives written
16 clearance to return to participation from that health care provider.
17 The health care provider may be a volunteer. A volunteer who
18 authorizes a youth athlete to return to participation shall not be
19 liable for civil damages resulting from any act or omission in the
20 rendering of such care, other than acts or omissions constituting
21 gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2010.

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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