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Committee Substitute for
ENGROSSED
Senate Bill No. 1700

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1700 - By:
ANDERSON, GARRISON AND GUMM of the Senate and COX AND MCDANIEL
(JEANNIE) of the House.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
2 Statutes as Section 24-155 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
3 reads as follows:
- 4 A. Each school district board of education shall work in cooperation with the
5 Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association to develop the guidelines and other
6 pertinent information and forms to inform and educate coaches, youth athletes, and their
7 parents or guardians of the nature and risk of concussion and head injury, including
8 continuing to play after concussion or head injury. On an annual basis, a concussion and

1 head injury information sheet shall be completed and returned to the school district by
2 the youth athlete and the athlete's parent or guardian prior to the youth athlete's
3 participation in practice or competition.

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

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

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

15 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public
16 peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and
18 after its passage and approval.

19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 03-31-10 - DO
20 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.