

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1790

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An Act relating to sports-related injuries; amending
70 O.S. 2011, Section 24-155, which relates to
concussion information; clarifying language; and
providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 24-155, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 24-155. 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~~
relevant information and forms to inform and educate coaches, youth
athletes, and their parents or guardians of the nature and risk of
concussion and head injury, including continuing to play after
concussion or head injury. On an annual basis, a concussion and
head injury information sheet shall be completed and returned to the
school district by the youth athlete and the athlete's parent or
guardian prior to the youth athlete's participation in practice or
competition.

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

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

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.
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